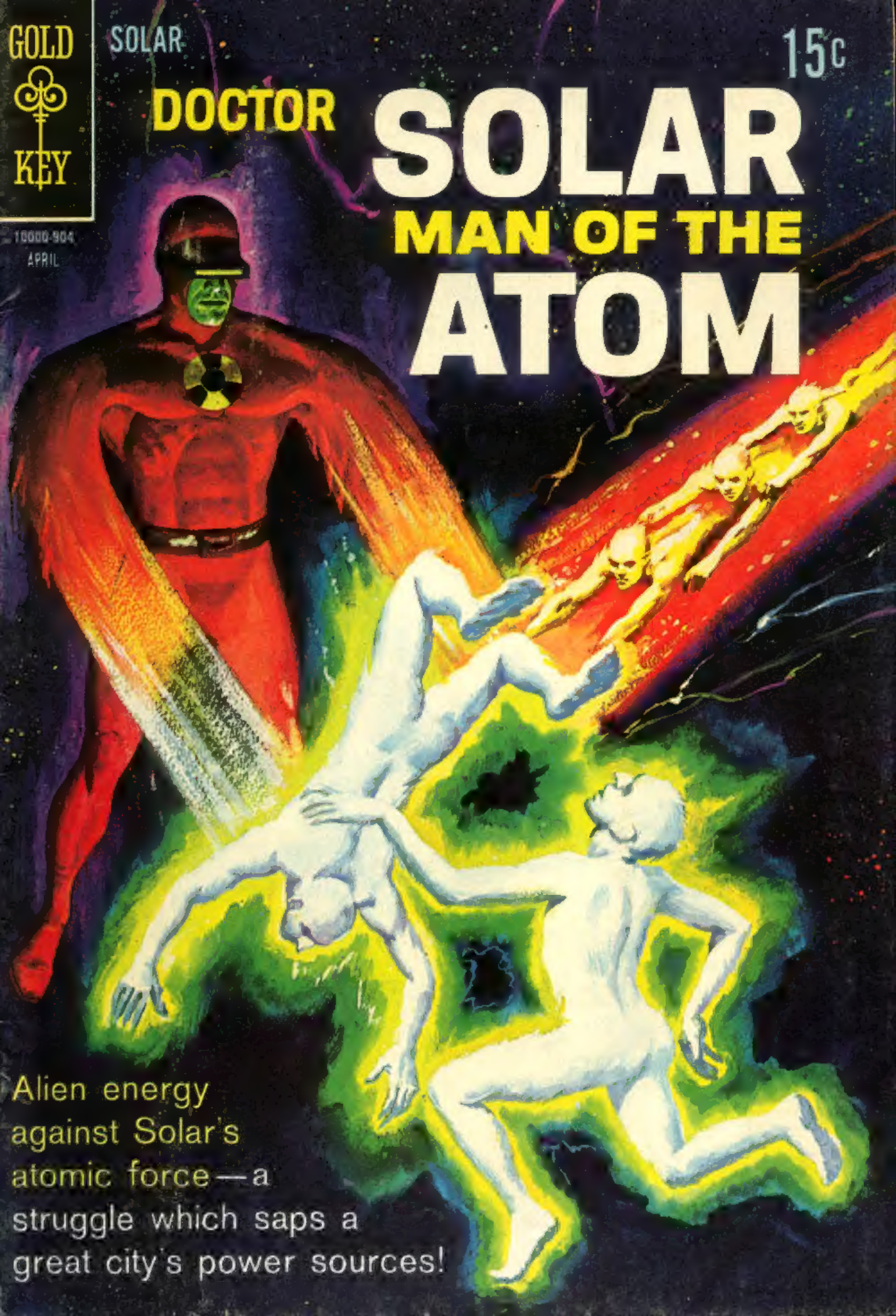
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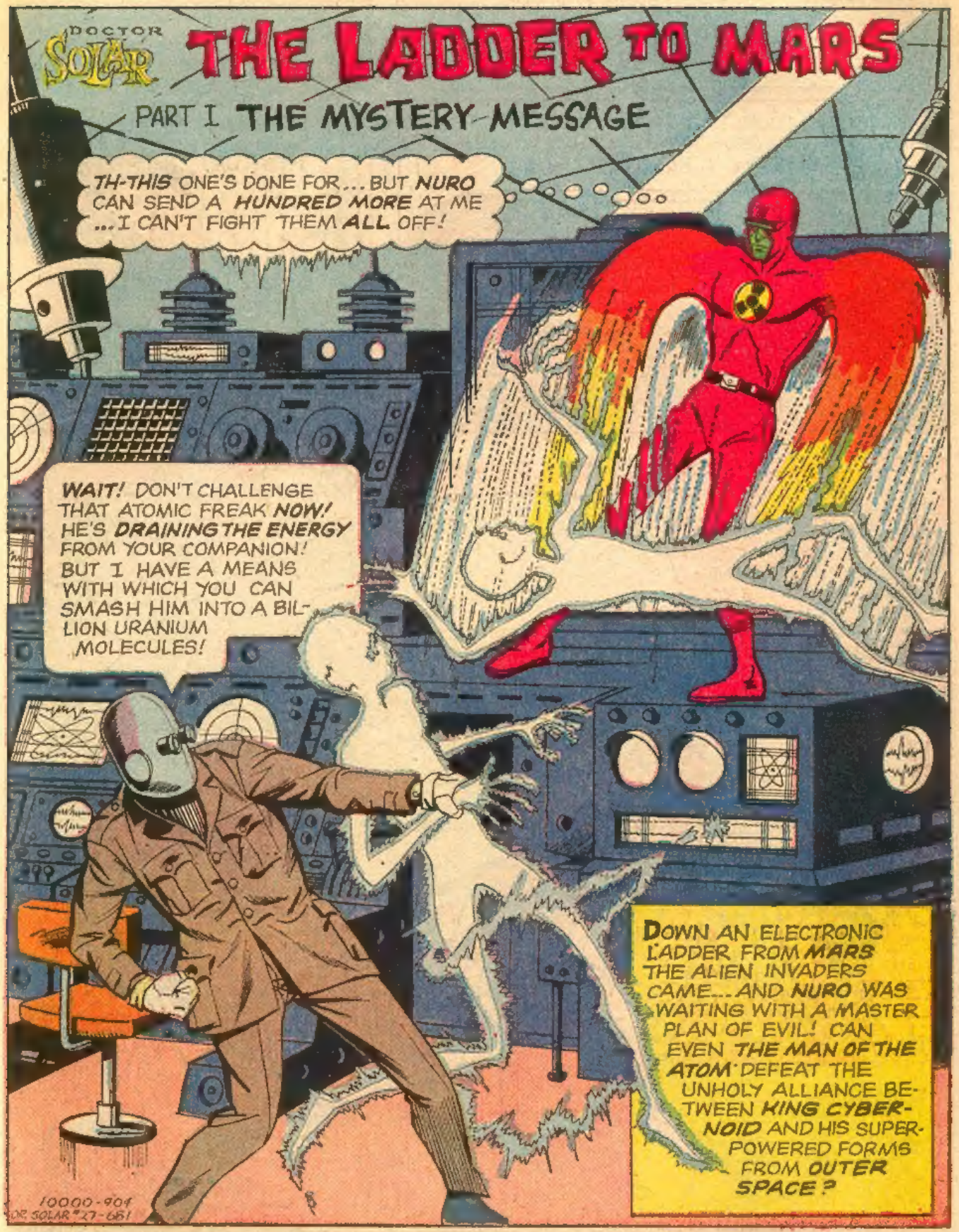
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PART I THE MYSTERY MESSAGE
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WAIT! DON'T CHALLENGE THAT ATOMIC FREAK NOW! HE'S DRAINING THE ENERGY FROM YOUR COMPANION! BUT I HAVE A MEANS WITH WHICH YOU CAN SMASH HIM INTO A BILLION URANIUM MOLECULES!
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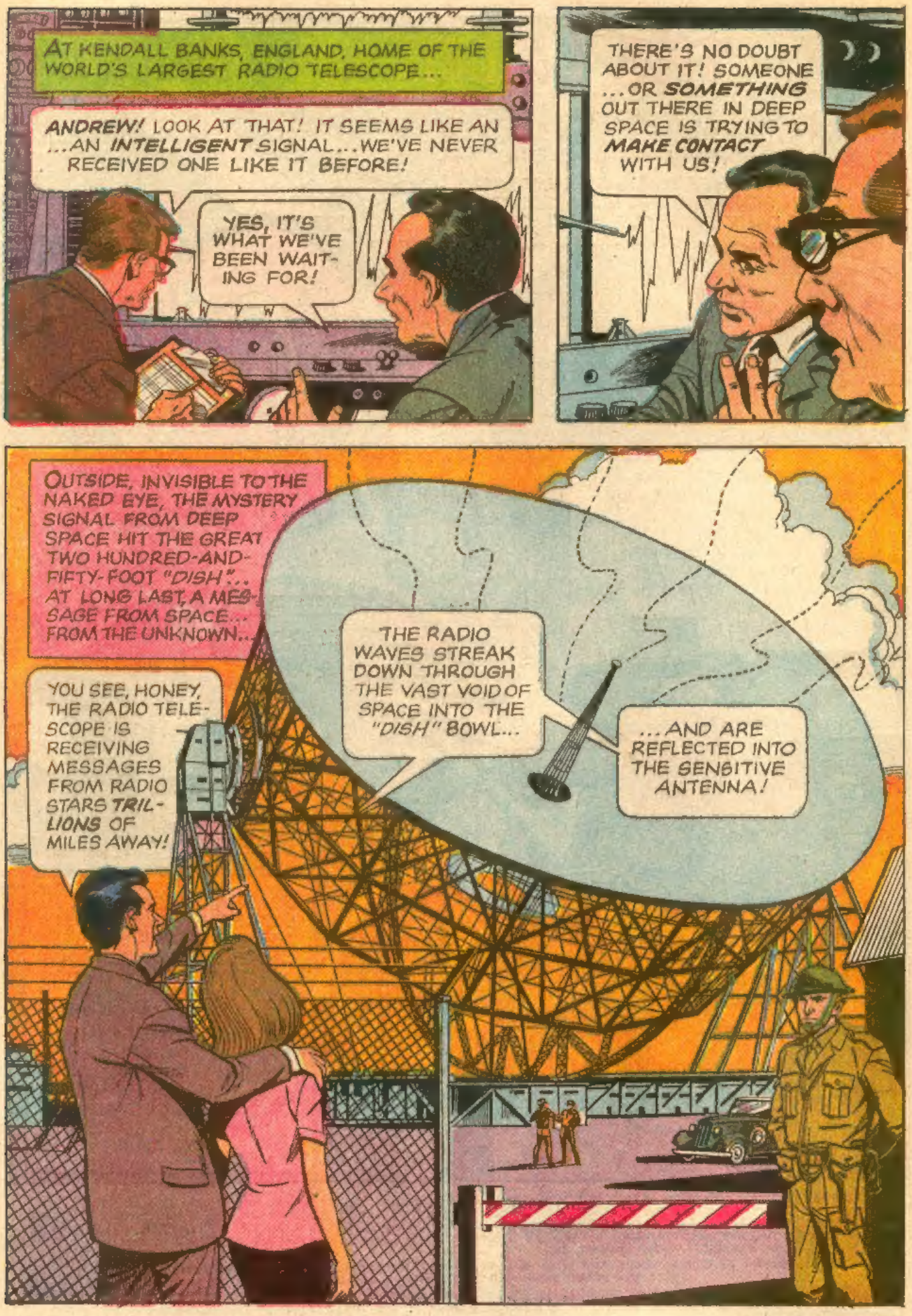
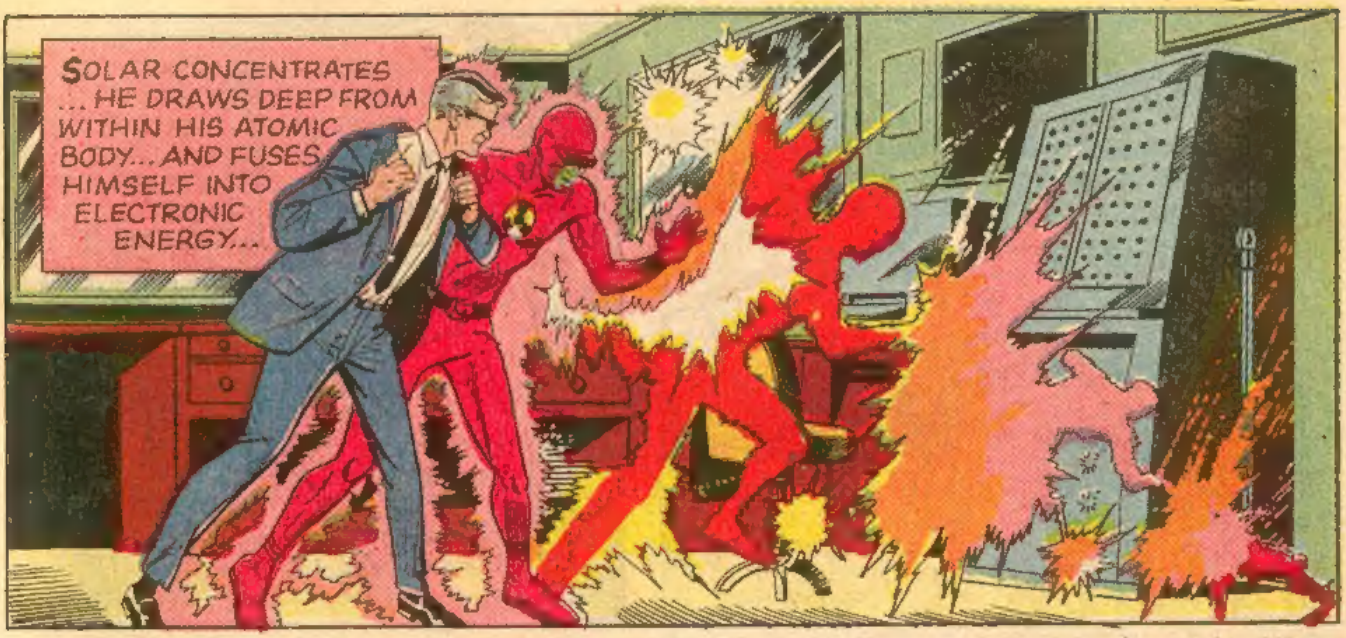
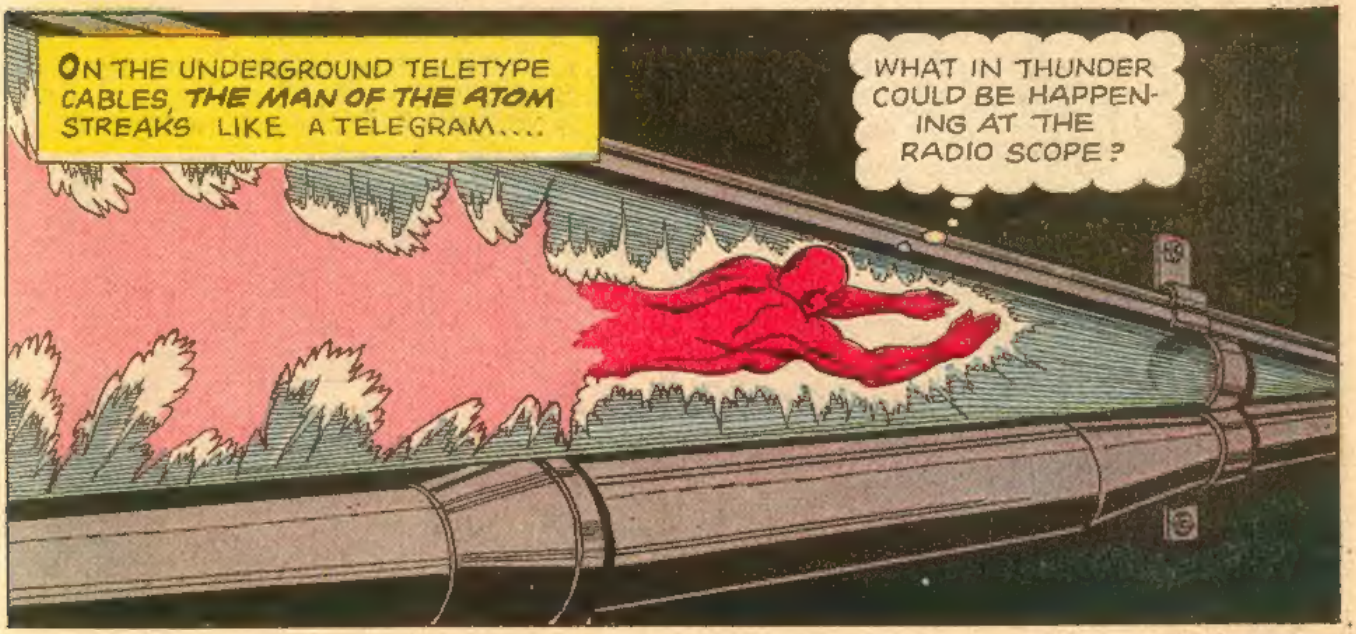
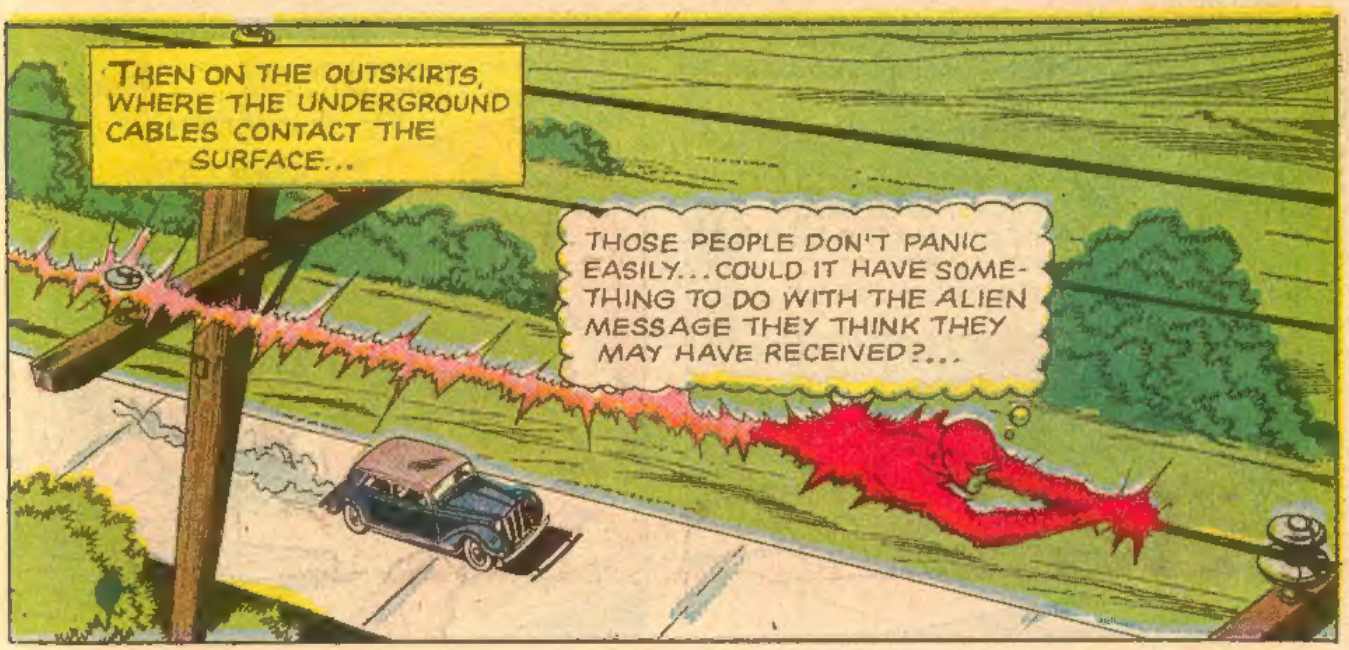

AT KENDALL BANKS, ENGLAND, HOME OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST RADIO TELESCOPE...
ANDREW! LOOK AT THAT! IT SEEMS LIKE AN ...AN INTELLIGENT SIGNAL...WE'VE NEVER RECEIVED ONE LIKE IT BEFORE!
YES, IT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! SOMEONE ...OR SOMETHING OUT THERE IN DEEP SPACE IS TRYING TO MAKE CONTACT WITH US!
OUTSIDE, INVISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE, THE MYSTERY SIGNAL FROM DEEP SPACE HIT THE GREAT TWO HUNDRED-AND-FIFTY-FOOT "DISH"... AT LONG LAST, A MESSAGE FROM SPACE... FROM THE UNKNOWN...
YOU SEE, HONEY, THE RADIO TELESCOPE IS RECEIVING MESSAGES FROM RADIO STARS TRILLIONS OF MILES AWAY!
THE RADIO WAVES STREAK DOWN THROUGH THE VAST VOID OF SPACE INTO THE "DISH" BOWL...
...AND ARE REFLECTED INTO THE SENSITIVE ANTENNA!

INSIDE, A VITAL MESSAGE, AT LONG LAST, IS COMING THROUGH TO THE SCIENTISTS...
THE SIGNAL IS DECIPHERABLE... BUT WE'LL NEED HELP!
OF COURSE! DR. CLARKSON AT ATOM VALLEY IN THE STATES! THEY'VE BEEN WORKING ON...
...RADIO TELESCOPE GRAPHS THERE!
AS THE ELECTRIFYING NEWS REACHES ATOM VALLEY...
GAIL...SOLAR! THE KENDALL BANK PEOPLE SAY THEY HAVE WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN INTELLIGIBLE RADIO SIGNAL!
WE'RE TO GO THERE AT ONCE!
WITHIN MINUTES, AN ATOM VALLEY JET IS READIED FOR OVERSEAS FLIGHT...
WHAT A WONDROUS THING IT WILL BE! JUST THINK OF IT--CONTACT WITH OUTER SPACE! ALL OUR YEARS OF RESEARCH MAY BE PAYING OFF! LET'S HOPE WE CAN DECIPHER THE MESSAGE, IF IT IS ONE!
HAMILTON... THE LITTLE FELLOW WANTS TO COME...BUT WE CAN'T LET HIM IN ON THIS!
SIX HOURS LATER...
A COPTER WILL FLY US FROM THE LONDON AIRPORT TO KENDALL, GAIL!
DR. CLARKSON! THE RADIO! SOMETHING'S HAPPENING AT KENDALL BANKS!... THEY WANT TO SPEAK TO YOU!
DR. CLARKSON, THE PLANT'S BEEN INVADED! SO-SOME MONSTROUS CREATURE IS TRYING TO GET OUR RADIO SPACE GRAPH! W-WE CAN'T SEND THE COPTER FOR YOU!
GREAT GRIEF! ALL RIGHT...
WE WILL REACH YOU AS SOON AS WE CAN!

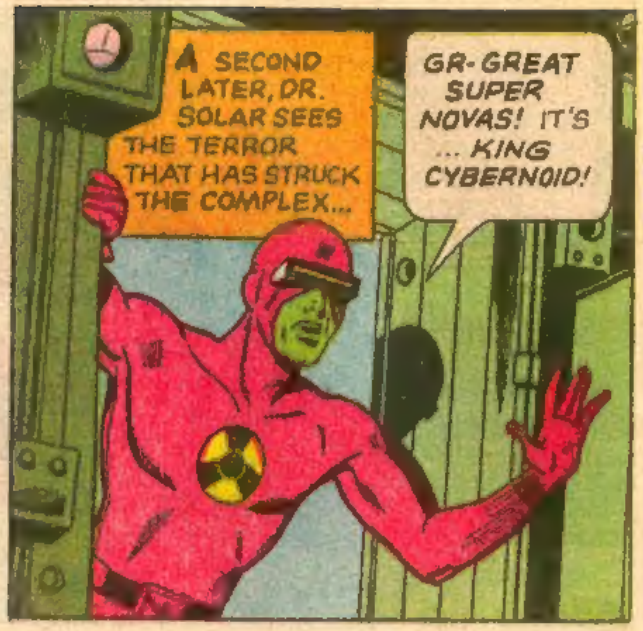
AS THE PLANE TOUCHES DOWN, DR. SOLAR WEIGHS THE PROBLEM...
WE WERE CUT OFF, SOLAR! I--I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING!
YES, AND SOMEONE HAS TO GET THERE FAST! I CAN'T GO AS A BURST OF LIGHT...
...IT WOULD PANIC THE AIRPORT AND PEOPLE WOULD ASK QUESTIONS... BUT THERE'S ANOTHER WAY... THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE...
MUST DRAW THE CLERK'S ATTENTION AWAY...
HELLO, I'D LIKE TO SEND A CABLEGRAM TO OTTUMWA, IOWA, PLEASE!
TO WHERE?
AS SOLAR EXPLAINS...
OTTUMWA, IOWA! IT'S IN THE U.S.A.!
EXCUSE ME, SIR...
...I'LL--UH, HAVE TO CONSULT MY OVERSEAS DIRECTORY!
QUICKLY, DR. SOLAR, THE MAN OF THE ATOM, MOVES...
IT'S THE QUICKEST WAY... BY CONVERTING MYSELF INTO ELECTRICAL ENERGY, I CAN USE THE TELETYPE CABLES AND WIRES TO REACH KENDALL!

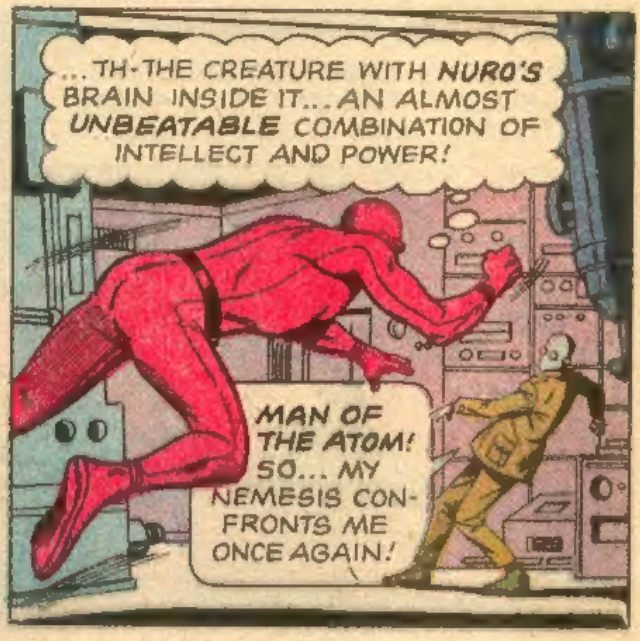

SOLAR CONCENTRATES ... HE DRAWS DEEP FROM WITHIN HIS ATOMIC BODY... AND FUSES HIMSELF INTO ELECTRONIC ENERGY...

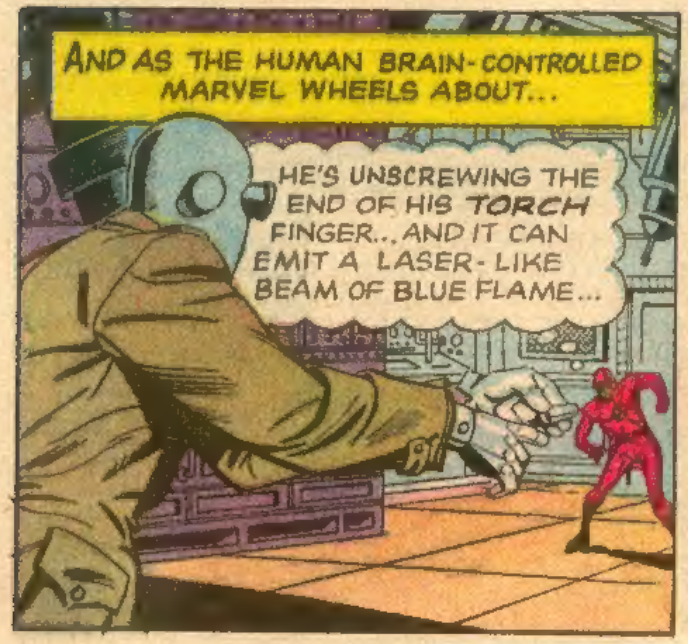

ON THE UNDERGROUND TELETYPE CABLES, THE MAN OF THE ATOM STREAKS LIKE A TELEGRAM....
WHAT IN THUNDER COULD BE HAPPENING AT THE RADIO SCOPE?


THEN ON THE OUTSKIRTS, WHERE THE UNDERGROUND CABLES CONTACT THE SURFACE...
THOSE PEOPLE DON'T PANIC EASILY... COULD IT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE ALIEN MESSAGE THEY THINK THEY MAY HAVE RECEIVED?...

AND AS THE MAN OF THE ATOM REACHES THE GREAT RADIO TELESCOPE...
WHEW! SOMEBODY BROKE THROUGH THAT SECURITY DOOR LIKE AN IRON BULL! ONE OF THE GUARDS HAS BEEN INJURED!


A SECOND LATER, DR. SOLAR SEES THE TERROR THAT HAS STRUCK THE COMPLEX...
GR-GREAT SUPER NOVAS! IT'S ... KING CYBERNOID!


...TH-THE CREATURE WITH NURO'S BRAIN INSIDE IT... AN ALMOST UNBEATABLE COMBINATION OF INTELLECT AND POWER!
MAN OF THE ATOM! SO... MY NEMESIS CONFRONTS ME ONCE AGAIN!

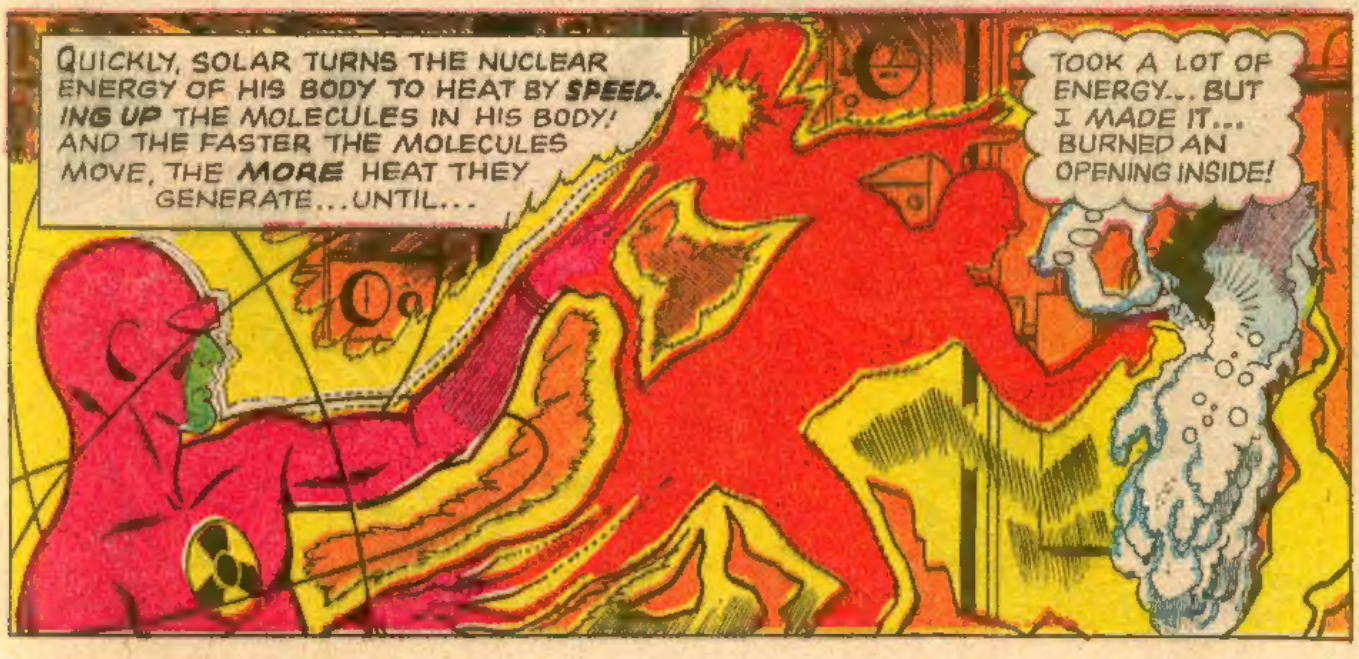

AND AS THE HUMAN BRAIN-CONTROLLED MARVEL WHEELS ABOUT...
HE'S UNSCREWING THE END OF HIS TORCH FINGER... AND IT CAN EMIT A LASER-LIKE BEAM OF BLUE FLAME...

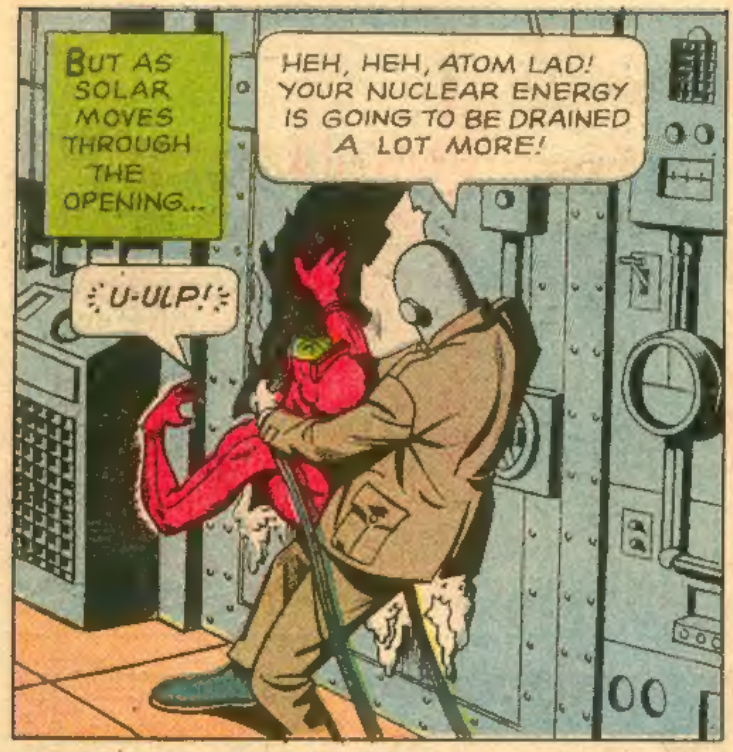
... THAT BURNS THROUGH STEEL LIKE A HOT KNIFE THROUGH BUTTER!

BANG!
BANG!
FORGET THAT ATOMIC CLOWN FOR NOW, ORUN!... THE GRAPH ROOM--
SO THAT'S IT-- KING IS AFTER THE RADIO TELE-SCOPE GRAPH!

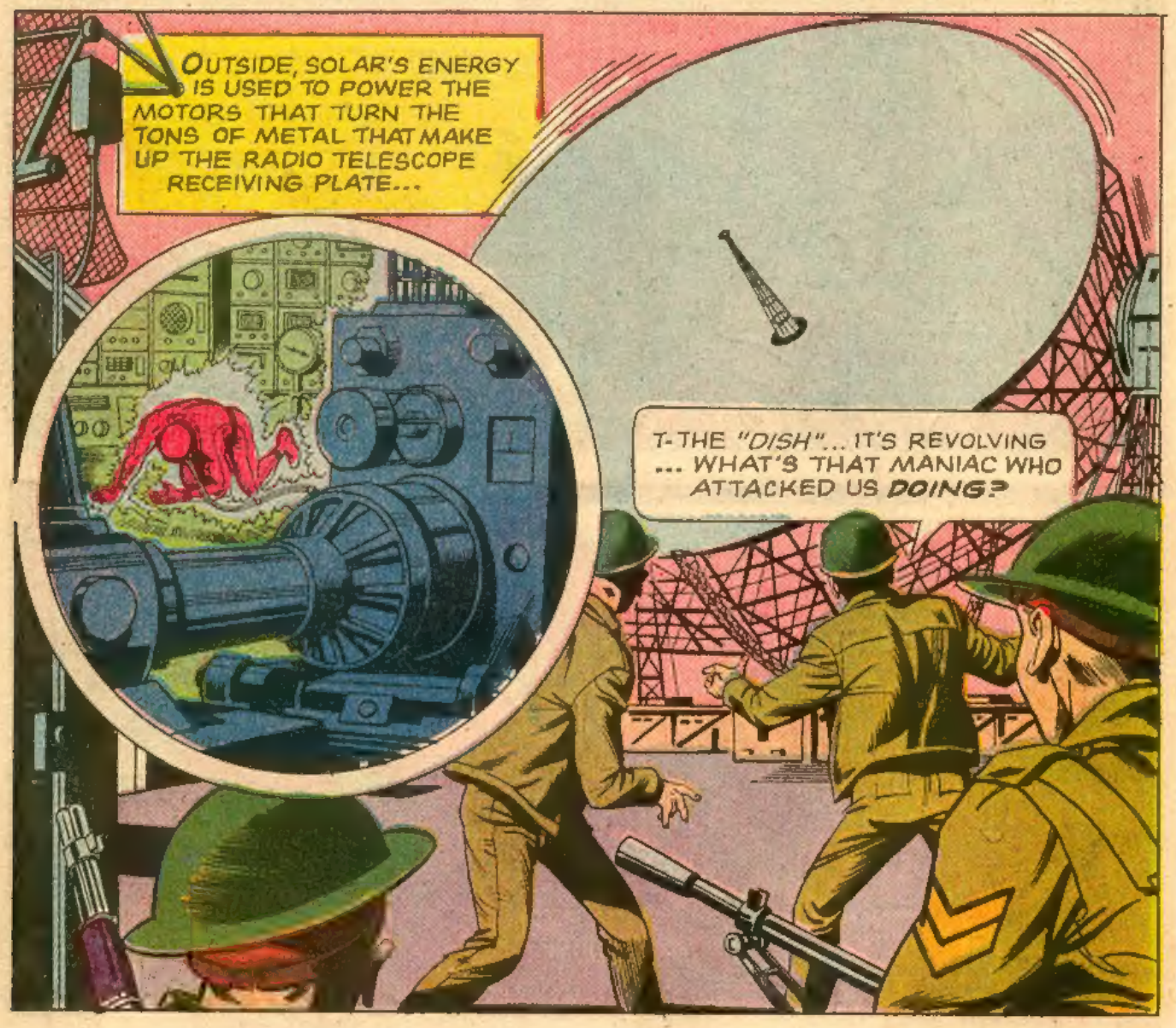
EASILY, KING CYBERNOID BASHES THE GUARDS UNCONSCIOUS...

AND AS THE MAN OF THE ATOM RACES ACROSS THE LAB...
TOO LATE! HE'S BOLTED THE STEEL PROTECTIVE DOOR ON ME!
CLANG!


QUICKLY, SOLAR TURNS THE NUCLEAR ENERGY OF HIS BODY TO HEAT BY SPEEDING UP THE MOLECULES IN HIS BODY! AND THE FASTER THE MOLECULES MOVE, THE MORE HEAT THEY GENERATE...UNTIL...
TOOK A LOT OF ENERGY... BUT I MADE IT... BURNED AN OPENING INSIDE!


BUT AS SOLAR MOVES THROUGH THE OPENING...
HEH, HEH, ATOM LAD! YOUR NUCLEAR ENERGY IS GOING TO BE DRAINED A LOT MORE!
U-ULP!

AND AS THE MAN OF THE ATOM SLUMPS DOWN, WEAKENED...
...FOR NOW IT IS BEING USED TO ROTATE...
...THE GIANT RADIO TELESCOPE DISH!


OUTSIDE, SOLAR'S ENERGY IS USED TO POWER THE MOTORS THAT TURN THE TONS OF METAL THAT MAKE UP THE RADIO TELESCOPE RECEIVING PLATE...
T-THE "DISH"... IT'S REVOLVING ... WHAT'S THAT MANIAC WHO ATTACKED US DOING?

WHILE INSIDE...
I-I'M TOO WEAK TO SNAP THE POWER CABLES...B-BUT IF I CAN REACH MY REVITALIZING COBALT PILLS...
GOT THEM...BUT KING'S GOT THE VITAL GRAPH...
THEN, AS A NEW SPURT OF ATOMIC POWER SEEPS INTO SOLAR'S SYSTEM...
LEAVE NOW, ORUN! WE HAVE WHAT WE CAME FOR! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF MAN OF THE ATOM LATER!
TOO LATE, SOLAR STAGGERS OUTSIDE...
HE'S GONE, MAN OF THE ATOM...TOOK OFF OVER THE TREES LIKE A JET!
YES...I WAS AFRAID OF THAT! GET EVERYONE TOGETHER! I MUST...
...SPEAK WITH ALL OF YOU!
SHORTLY
TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT THE INTELLIGENT-APPEARING RADIO MESSAGE THAT WAS RECEIVED, GENTLEMEN! OBVIOUSLY, KING CYBERNOID WAS BEAMED IN ON SPACE WAVES ALSO...AND HE KNEW IT HAD ARRIVED!
VERY WELL! HERE IS A GRAPH THAT WILL SHOW YOU IN DETAIL, ATOM MAN!
END CHAPTER 1

SOLAR'S SCIENCE FORUM

As I look over the letter column of issue #24, I have noticed that only boys have written you so far. Now I am going to break the circuit. (Either no girls read your mag, or you haven't printed any letters from them, or they have been too scared to write.) I think DR. SOLAR is GREAT! Of all comics that I have read so far, I think this is the best one (preferred by fans 2 to 1 in a recent survey). I agree on the idea to put SOLAR on TV, IF you don't ruin him in the process. One thing I would like to ask is: Why does Solar wear sunglasses all the time? I haven't seen his eyes yet! Did something happen to him in "the accident" that he has to keep them covered?

HELENMARIE BORAWSKI /Morrisville, Pa.

I just started buying DR. SOLAR comics. I think they're very good. (And teachers say that they're non-educational!) But you don't show how he dresses from a pink-skin man to the green-faced Man Of The Atom. You should make a comic about Nuro inventing a machine that can control Solar's powers. What's in that little compartment on Solar's belt? Why does the pink-skin Solar always wear sunglasses?

LEONARD KNOTT / Two Hills, Alberta

Dr. Solar wears a special kind of sunglasses which hold back the radiation his eyes emit. As you know, his "accident" left him with an atomic metabolism which makes him radioactive. He has his chemistry somewhat under control (which is why he is able to keep his face pink as Dr. Solar and why, when he is concentrating his powers as the Man Of The Atom, it turns green) and he wears special clothing which contains the radiation so that it will not be dangerous for people to come near him. His energy does run down, as does that of any radio-active substance. The little compartment on his belt contains pills which restore Solar's energy. Solar is happy to know that a survey confirms his popularity. How accurate is your survey, Helenmarie?

Concerning DR. SOLAR #24, it was an issue to remember. Why? Because it was a novel piece of comic literature. I have read DR. SOLAR since issue #1, and never have I enjoyed an issue like I did this one. Although the idea of using land, sea and air as villains is not original, I must say the story was written superbly. Keep up the good work and I will be a lifetime fan.

CRAIG BATTMER / Minneapolis, Minnesota

I have been reading DR. SOLAR for one year and I enjoy reading it very much. I especially liked the one titled "Solar pits his powers against the monstrous masters of land, sea and air!" I suggest that you create another evil fiend to fight Solar. I also suggest that you put DR. SOLAR on TV. I like Professor Harbinger's discussions. They give me very good discussion topics for school.

GARY CLOUSE / Simpsonville, Kentucky

Boy, I just completed DR. SOLAR #24 and all I can say is wow, he barely escaped those three monsters. I am wondering if Solar is able to concentrate his energy like a laser? By the way, speaking of lasers, I enjoy your Professor Harbinger pages and I'd like to know if you have ever done an article on lasers. If not, will you?

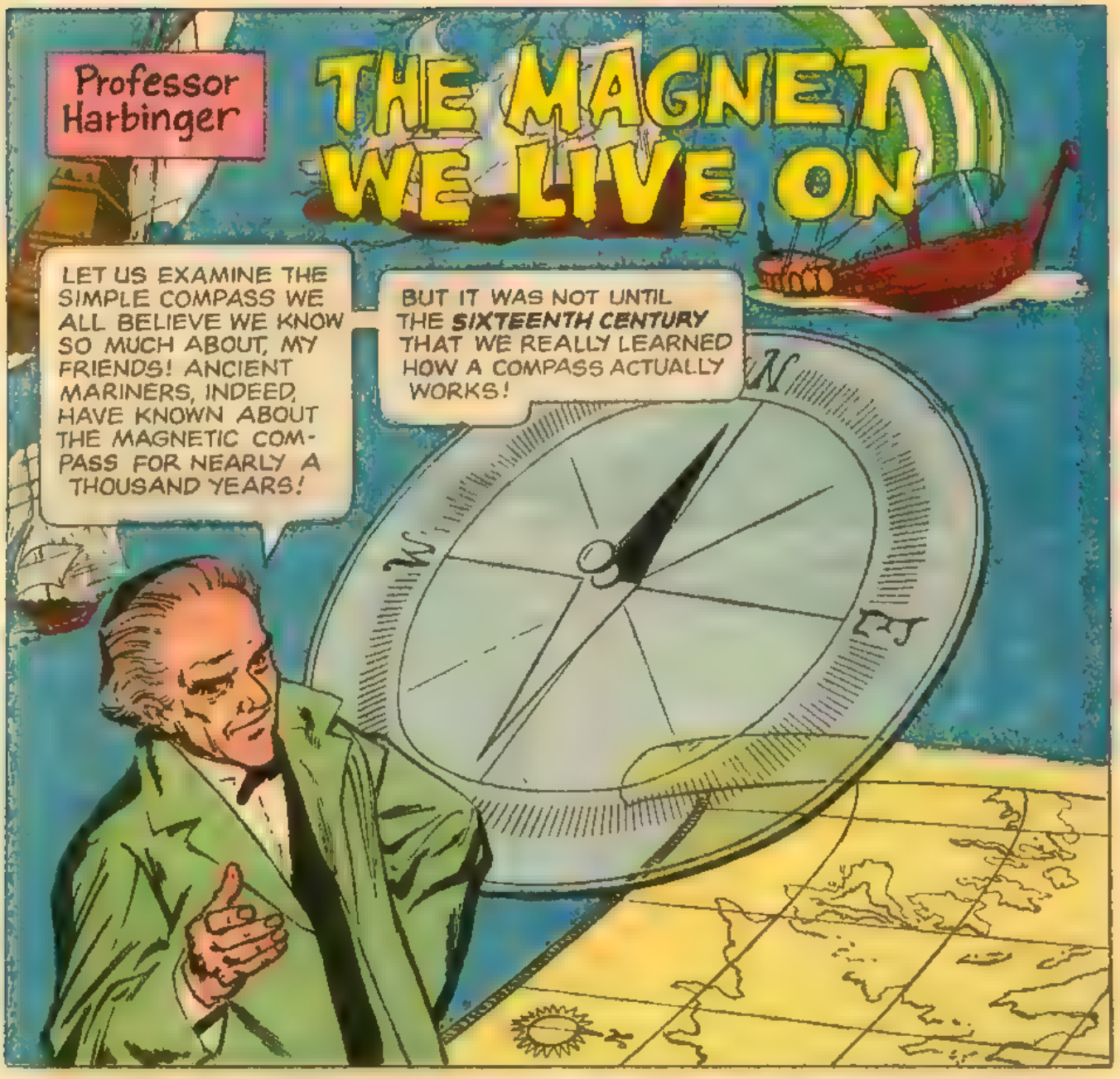
TODD FREEMAN, JR. / Dayton, Ohio

Now it wouldn't have been much of a story, would it, Todd, if Solar had had an easy time with the masters of land, sea and air? Solar is still learning to use and to develop his powers. If he hasn't been able to concentrate into a laser yet, he may one day. We're glad to see that readers like the Professor Harbinger series. No, he hasn't had an article on lasers. Where could we possibly find another evil fiend like Nuro? We're looking high and low for one.

I just got DR. SOLAR #25 today. Although it was an intriguing story, I felt that the artwork was under par. But there were some questionable points in the tale. If Solar's otherworld double was not a Man Of The Atom, why did he have silver hair and anti-radiation glasses? He should not have had glasses and his hair should have been brown, as that was the hair color of Raymond Solar before his "accident." But aside from those inconsistencies, I enjoyed the yarn.

ROBERT KOWALSKI / Detroit, Michigan

It is possible that the lost dimension's Solar could have had his hair turn silver for another reason beside his having become a Man Of The Atom, isn't it? Nobody said his dark glasses were anti-radiation. They just look that way. Come on, allow us a little artistic license.


Professor Harbinger
THE MAGNET WE LIVE ON
LET US EXAMINE THE SIMPLE COMPASS WE ALL BELIEVE WE KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT, MY FRIENDS! ANCIENT MARINERS, INDEED, HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THE MAGNETIC COMPASS FOR NEARLY A THOUSAND YEARS!
BUT IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY THAT WE REALLY LEARNED HOW A COMPASS ACTUALLY WORKS!
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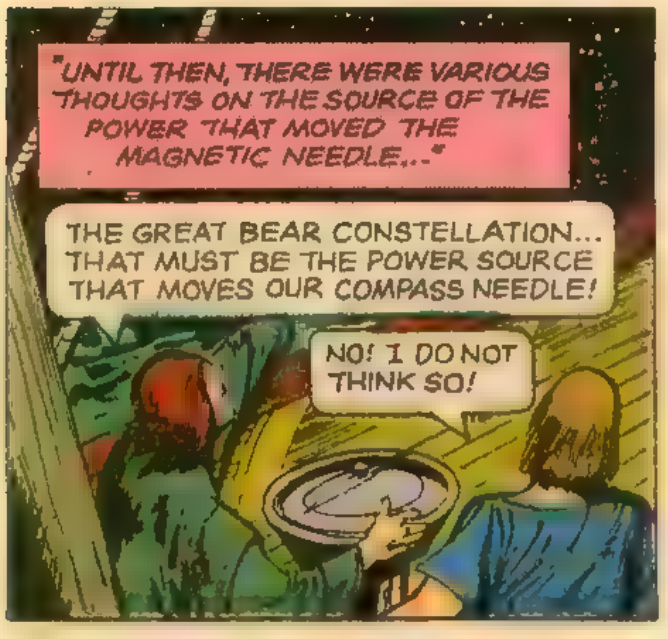
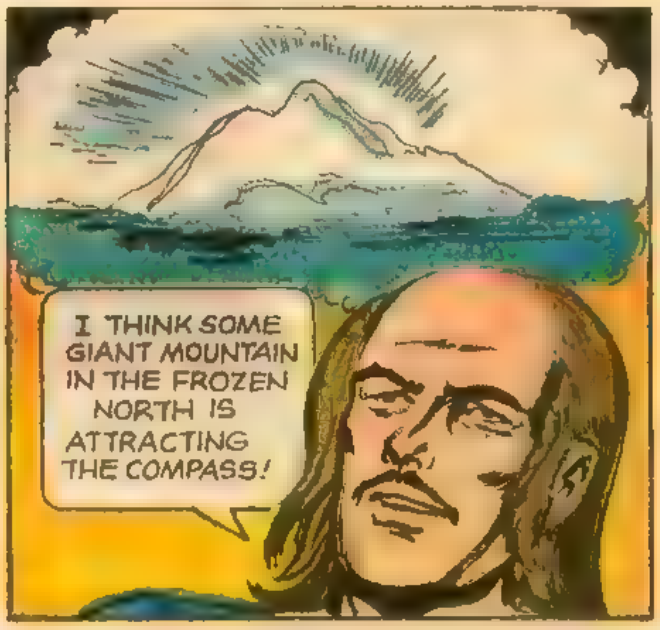
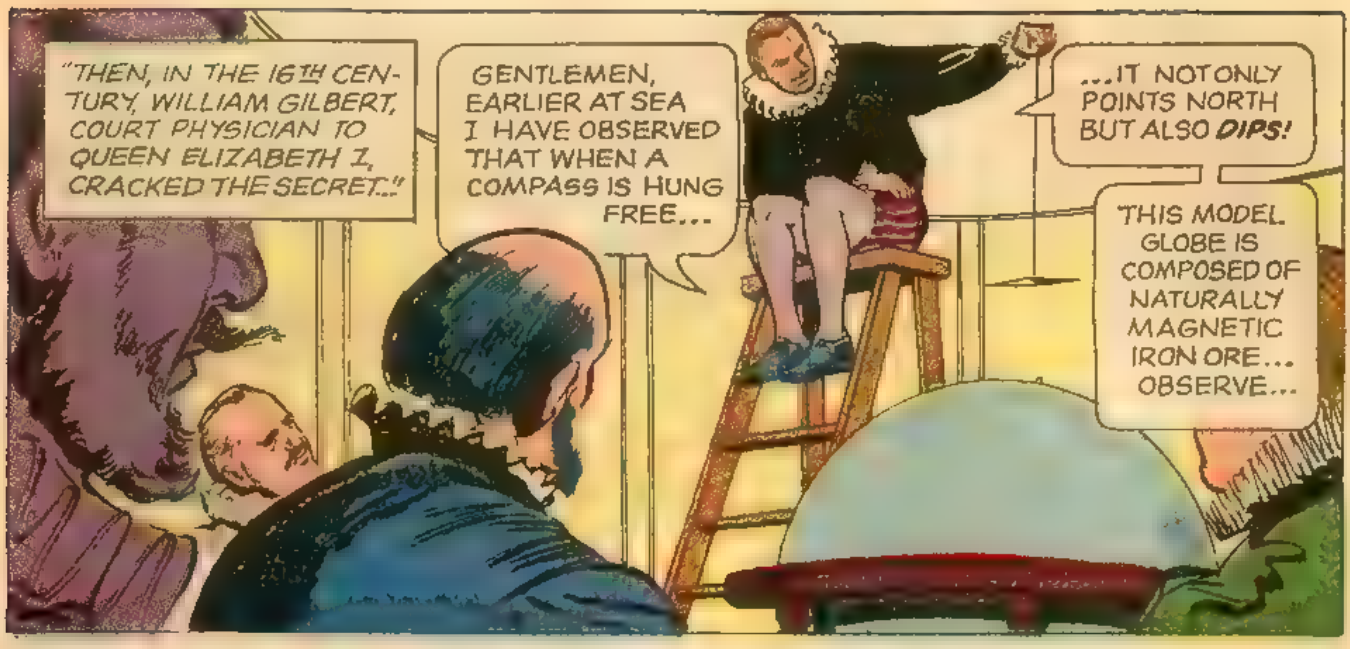
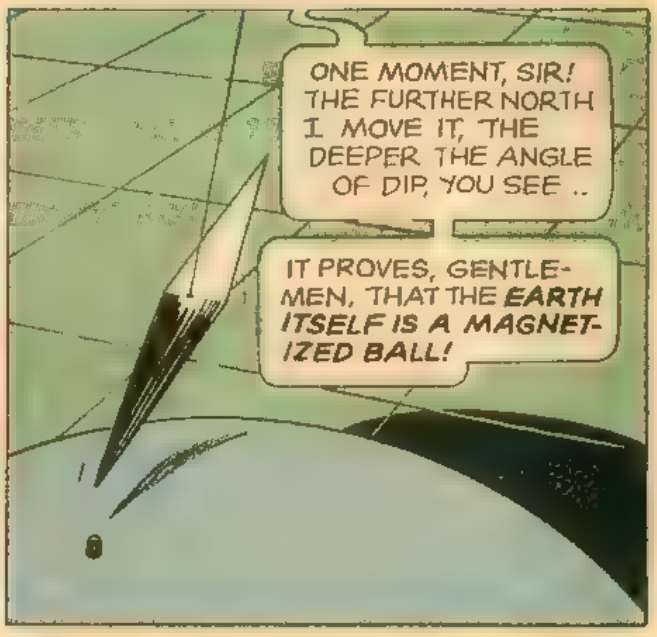
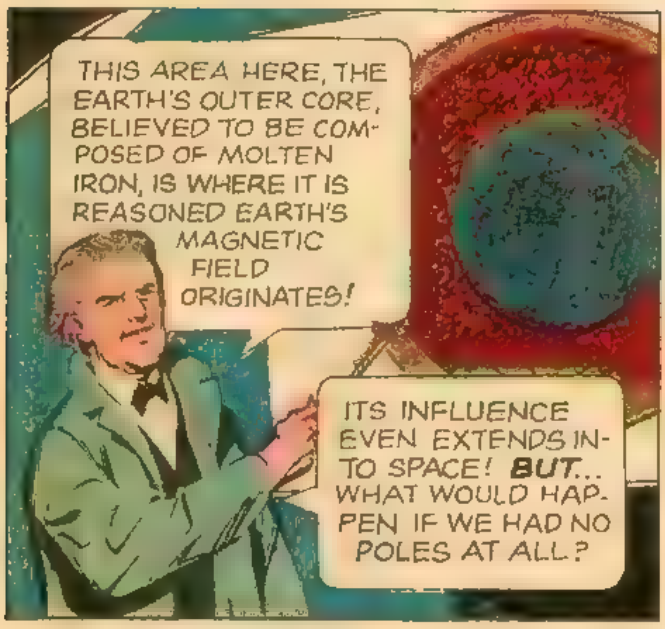

"UNTIL THEN, THERE WERE VARIOUS THOUGHTS ON THE SOURCE OF THE POWER THAT MOVED THE MAGNETIC NEEDLE..."
THE GREAT BEAR CONSTELLATION... THAT MUST BE THE POWER SOURCE THAT MOVES OUR COMPASS NEEDLE!
NO! I DO NOT THINK SO!


I THINK SOME GIANT MOUNTAIN IN THE FROZEN NORTH IS ATTRACTING THE COMPASS!

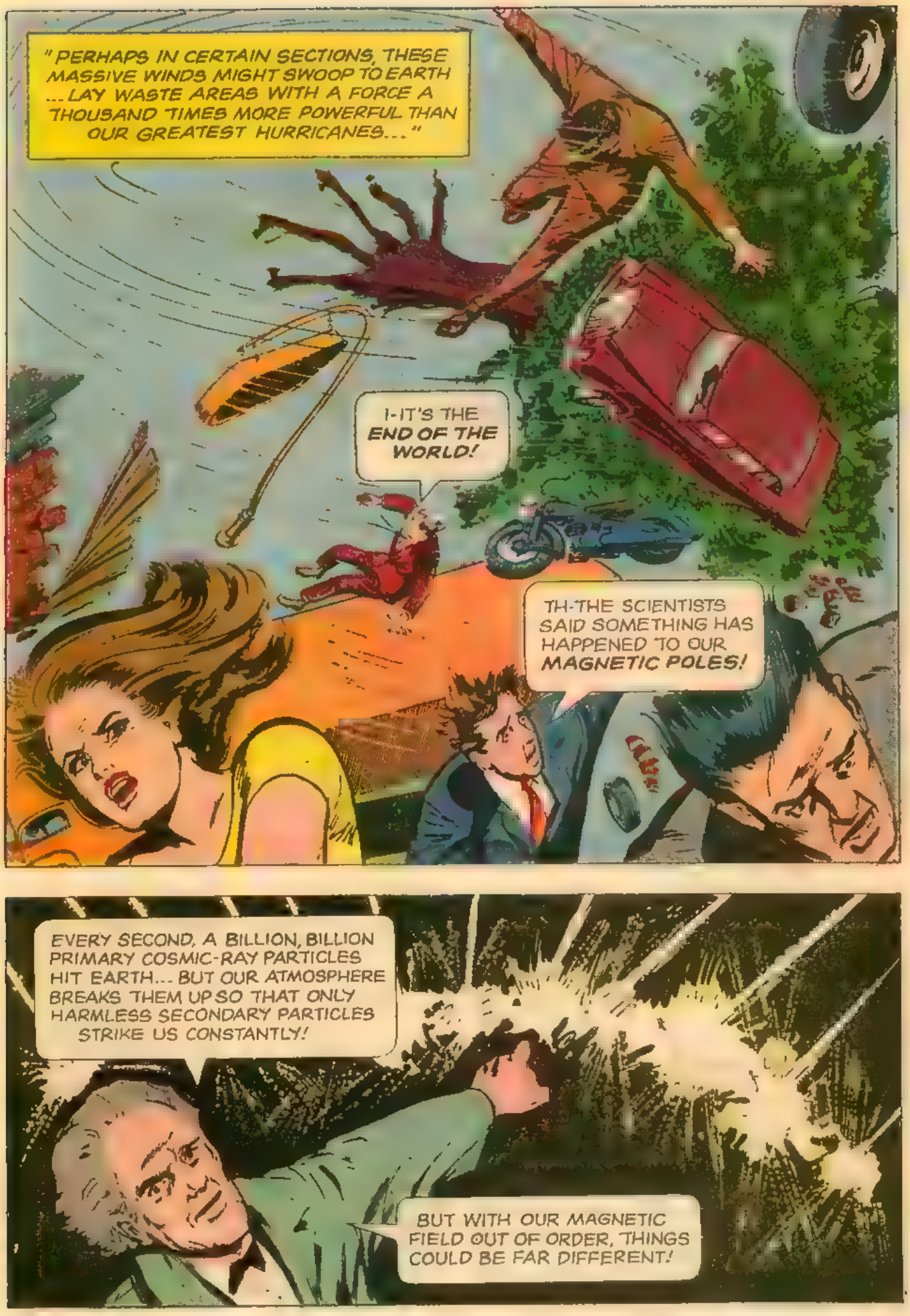

"THEN, IN THE 16TH CENTURY, WILLIAM GILBERT, COURT PHYSICIAN TO QUEEN ELIZABETH I, CRACKED THE SECRET..!"
GENTLEMEN, EARLIER AT SEA I HAVE OBSERVED THAT WHEN A COMPASS IS HUNG FREE...
...IT NOT ONLY POINTS NORTH BUT ALSO DIPS!
THIS MODEL GLOBE IS COMPOSED OF NATURALLY MAGNETIC IRON ORE... OBSERVE...

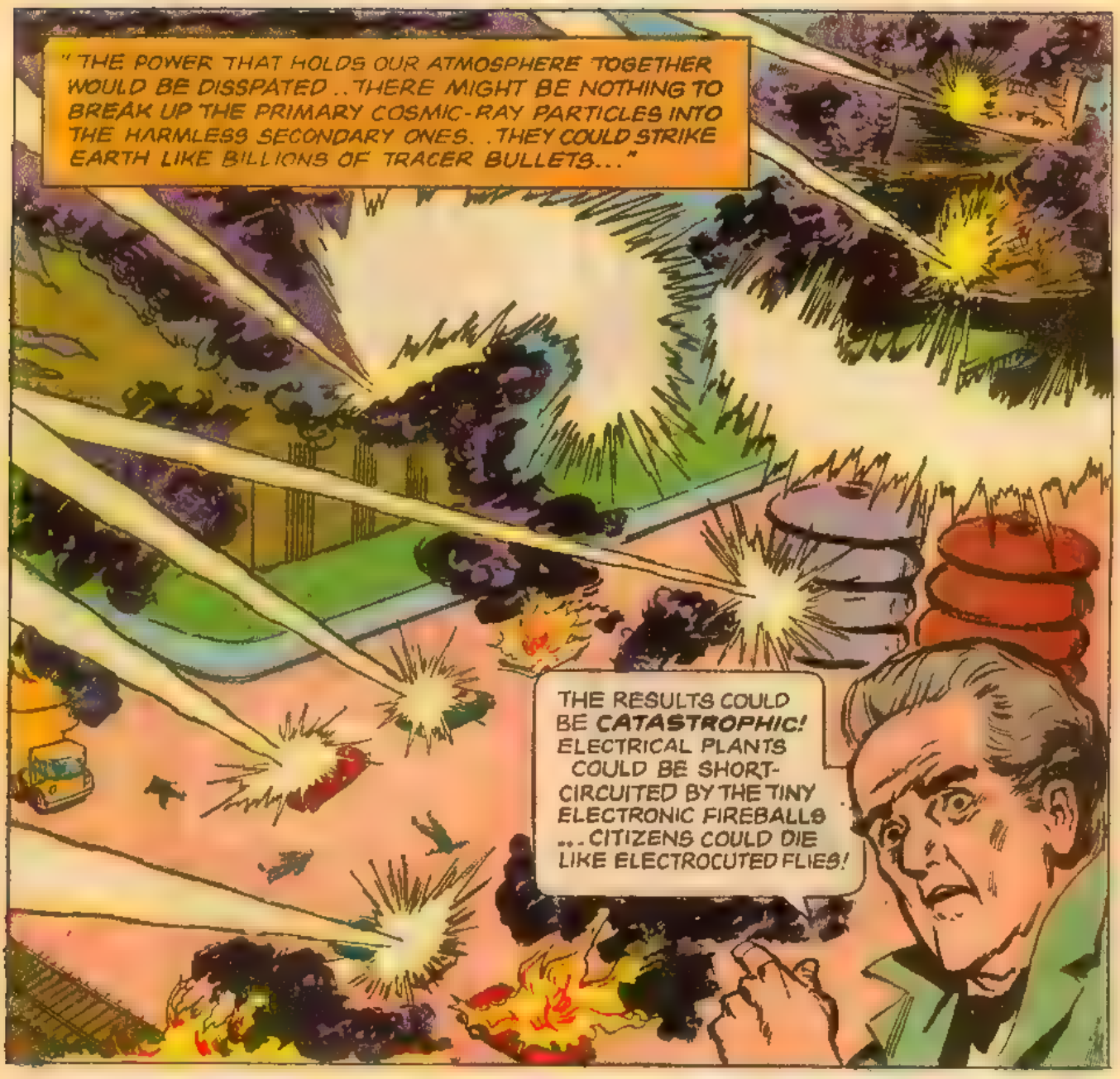
..YOU SEE, OUR NEEDLE NOT ONLY POINTS NORTH, BUT DIPS TOWARD THE EARTH ITSELF!
B-BUT JUST WHAT DOES THAT PROVE, GILBERT?

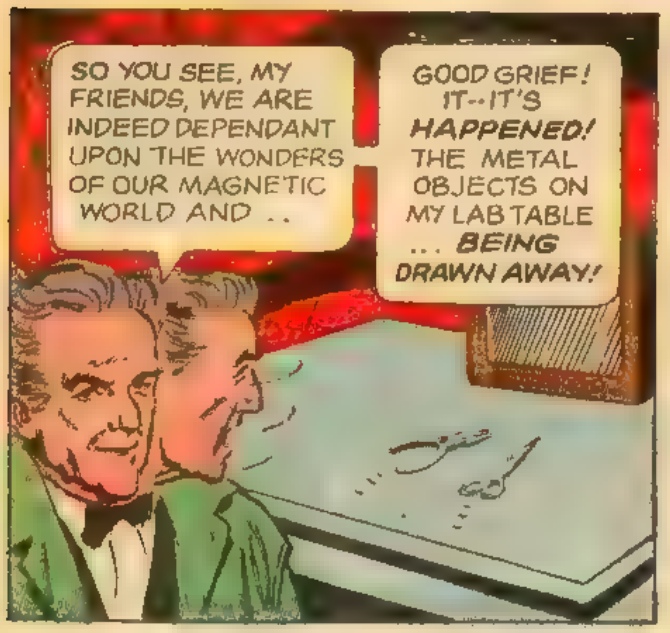

ONE MOMENT, SIR! THE FURTHER NORTH I MOVE IT, THE DEEPER THE ANGLE OF DIP, YOU SEE ..
IT PROVES, GENTLEMEN, THAT THE EARTH ITSELF IS A MAGNETIZED BALL!

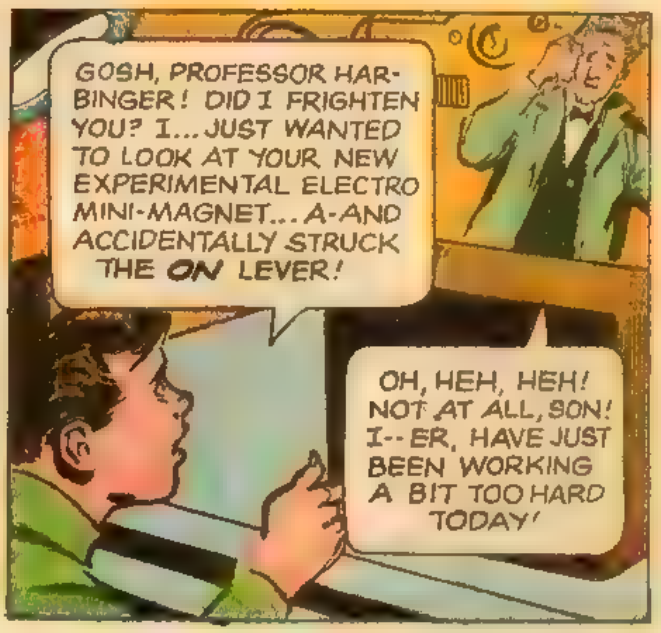

THIS AREA HERE, THE EARTH'S OUTER CORE, BELIEVED TO BE COMPOSED OF MOLTEN IRON, IS WHERE IT IS REASONED EARTH'S MAGNETIC FIELD ORIGINATES!
ITS INFLUENCE EVEN EXTENDS INTO SPACE! BUT... WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE HAD NO POLES AT ALL?

"A WORLD CATASTROPHE COULD WELL RESULT! WITHOUT EARTH'S PROTECTIVE FIELD . MIGHTY SOLAR WINDS MIGHT STORM THE ATMOSPHERE..."
WE-WE'RE CAUGHT IN A FREAK SOLAR STORM...HELPLESS!


"PERHAPS IN CERTAIN SECTIONS, THESE MASSIVE WINDS MIGHT SWOOP TO EARTH ...LAY WASTE AREAS WITH A FORCE A THOUSAND TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN OUR GREATEST HURRICANES..."
I-IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD!
TH-THE SCIENTISTS SAID SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED TO OUR MAGNETIC POLES!
EVERY SECOND, A BILLION, BILLION PRIMARY COSMIC-RAY PARTICLES HIT EARTH... BUT OUR ATMOSPHERE BREAKS THEM UP SO THAT ONLY HARMLESS SECONDARY PARTICLES STRIKE US CONSTANTLY!
BUT WITH OUR MAGNETIC FIELD OUT OF ORDER, THINGS COULD BE FAR DIFFERENT!


"THE POWER THAT HOLDS OUR ATMOSPHERE TOGETHER WOULD BE DISSPATED..THERE MIGHT BE NOTHING TO BREAK UP THE PRIMARY COSMIC-RAY PARTICLES INTO THE HARMLESS SECONDARY ONES. .THEY COULD STRIKE EARTH LIKE BILLIONS OF TRACER BULLETS..."
THE RESULTS COULD BE CATASTROPHIC! ELECTRICAL PLANTS COULD BE SHORT-CIRCUITED BY THE TINY ELECTRONIC FIREBALLS ...CITIZENS COULD DIE LIKE ELECTROCUTED FLIES!


SO YOU SEE, MY FRIENDS, WE ARE INDEED DEPENDANT UPON THE WONDERS OF OUR MAGNETIC WORLD AND ..
GOOD GRIEF! IT--IT'S HAPPENED! THE METAL OBJECTS ON MY LAB TABLE ... BEING DRAWN AWAY!


GOSH, PROFESSOR HARBINGER! DID I FRIGHTEN YOU? I... JUST WANTED TO LOOK AT YOUR NEW EXPERIMENTAL ELECTRO MINI-MAGNET... A-AND ACCIDENTALLY STRUCK THE ON LEVER!
OH, HEH, HEH! NOT AT ALL, SON! I--ER, HAVE JUST BEEN WORKING A BIT TOO HARD TODAY!

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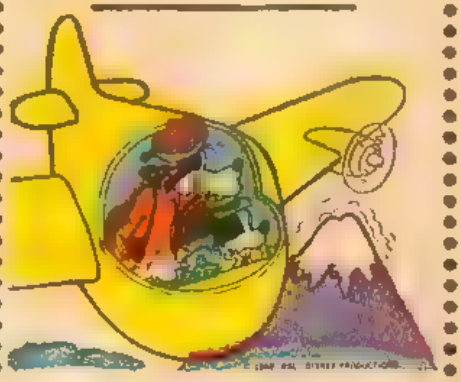

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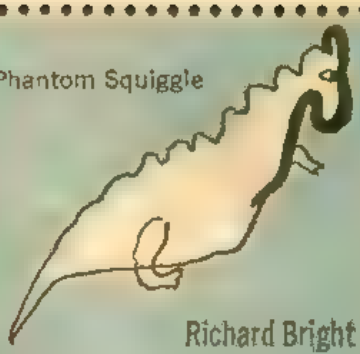

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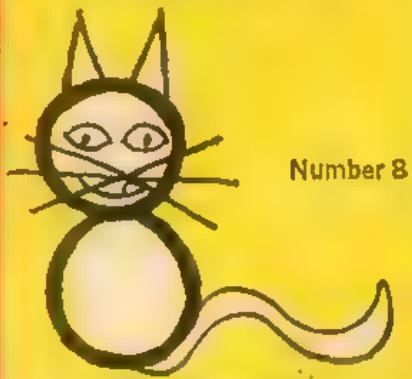

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KNOCK KNOCK!
Who's There?

Howard.
Howard who?
Howard your mother like to have me over for dinner?

Edward Tabela—East Providence, Rhode Island

Canoe who?
Canoe come out to play?

Mark Sapousek—San Bernardino, California

Ida who?
Not Idawho — Idaho.

Peggy Amelon—Southfield, Michigan

Lettuce who?
Lettuce be friends.

Melissa Lunceford—Liberty, Texas

Anita who?
Anita drink of water.

Marsha Gredesky—Amete, Louisiana

Lynn: If you had three wishes, what would your last wish be?
Jane: Three more wishes.

Doug Rush—Southern Pines, North Carolina

Riddle: Who drives away all of his customers?
Answer: A cab driver.

Leslie Higgins—New Orleans, Louisiana

Nancy: What's your dog's name?
Mary: Ginger.
Nancy: Does Ginger bite?
Mary: No, Ginger snaps.

Tracey Wheeler—Eureka, California

Visitor: I never saw so many flies. Don't you ever shoo them?
Farmer: No, we let them go barefoot.

Marsha Bush—Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

Riddle: What ship has a cargo of goodwill?
Answer: Friendship.

Marc Zucker—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Riddle: How can you avoid getting that run down feeling?
Answer: Look both ways before crossing the street.

Judith Banks—Hazlet, New Jersey

Teacher: Ricky, you've been punished every day this week. What do you have to say?
Ricky: I'm sure glad it's Friday!

Lisa Gomez—Metairie, Louisiana

Riddle: What is it that you cannot see but is always before you?
Answer: The future.

Marion MacPatrick—Amsterdam, Ohio

Riddle: Why does a horse trot up the road?
Answer: Because the horse doesn't horse around.

Randy Anderson—Smethport, Pennsylvania

Milly: Will these stairs take me to the second floor?
Silly: No, you'll have to walk up yourself.

Elizabeth Freel—Canton, North Carolina

Riddle: What did the ghosts have on their picnic?
Answer: Boo-loney sandwiches.

Brett Westmoreland—Bad Kreuznoch, Germany

Riddle: Why do gardeners hate weeds?
Answer: Because if you give them an inch, they'll take a yard.

Teddy Fuchs—Oak Park, Michigan

Fortune Teller: You'll be unhappy until you are forty.
Client: Then what?
Fortune Teller: You'll get used to it.

Apoorva Kamani—Bombay, India

Riddle: What did the judge say to the dentist?
Answer: Do you swear to pull the tooth, the whole tooth, and nothing but the tooth?

Joe Makahnouk—Sioux Lookout, Ontario, Canada

Riddle: What did the new shoe say to the old shoe?
Answer: Don't people wear you out?

Mark Yager—Athens, Greece

Riddle: Which travels faster — heat or cold?
Answer: Heat. You can easily catch cold.

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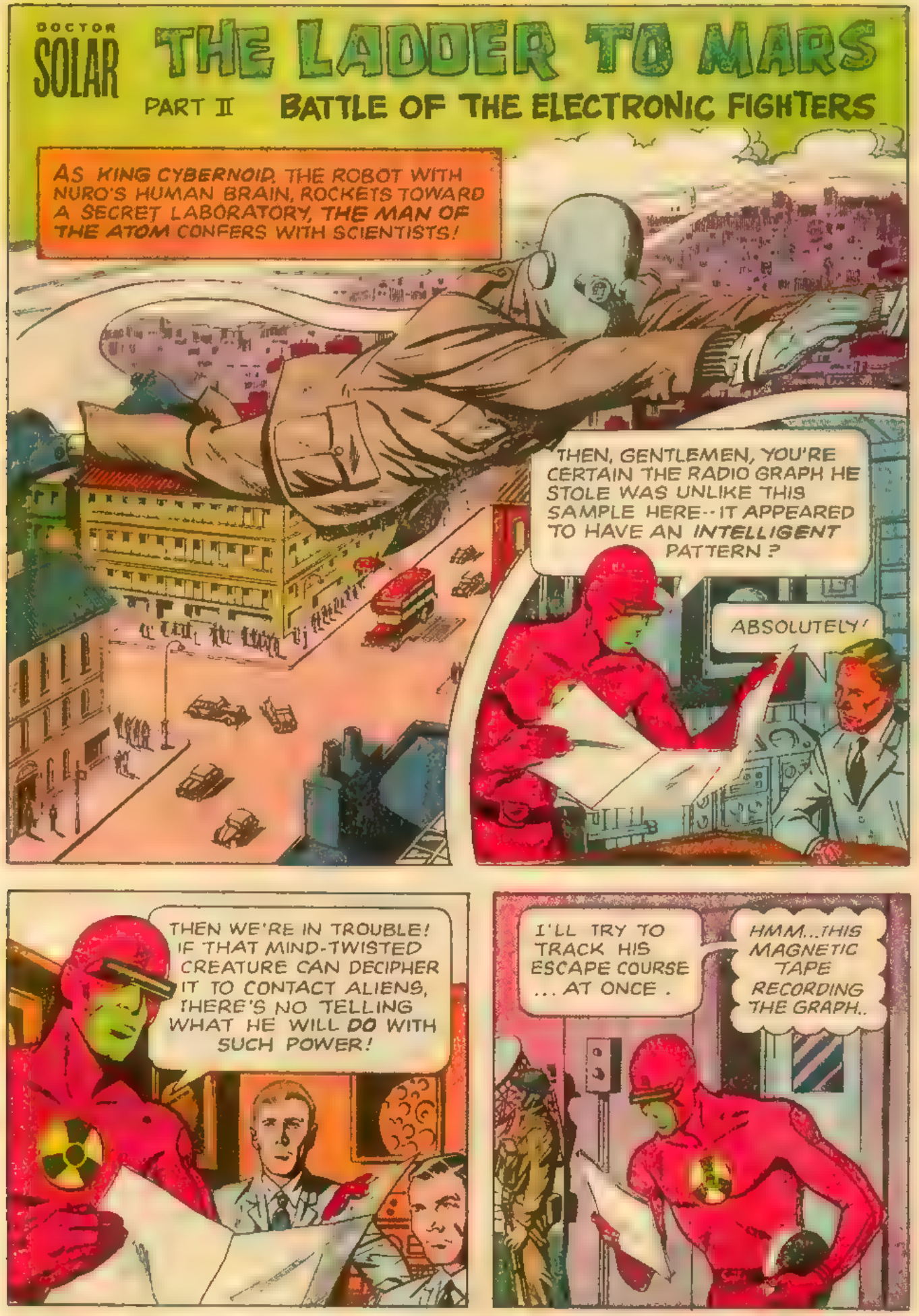
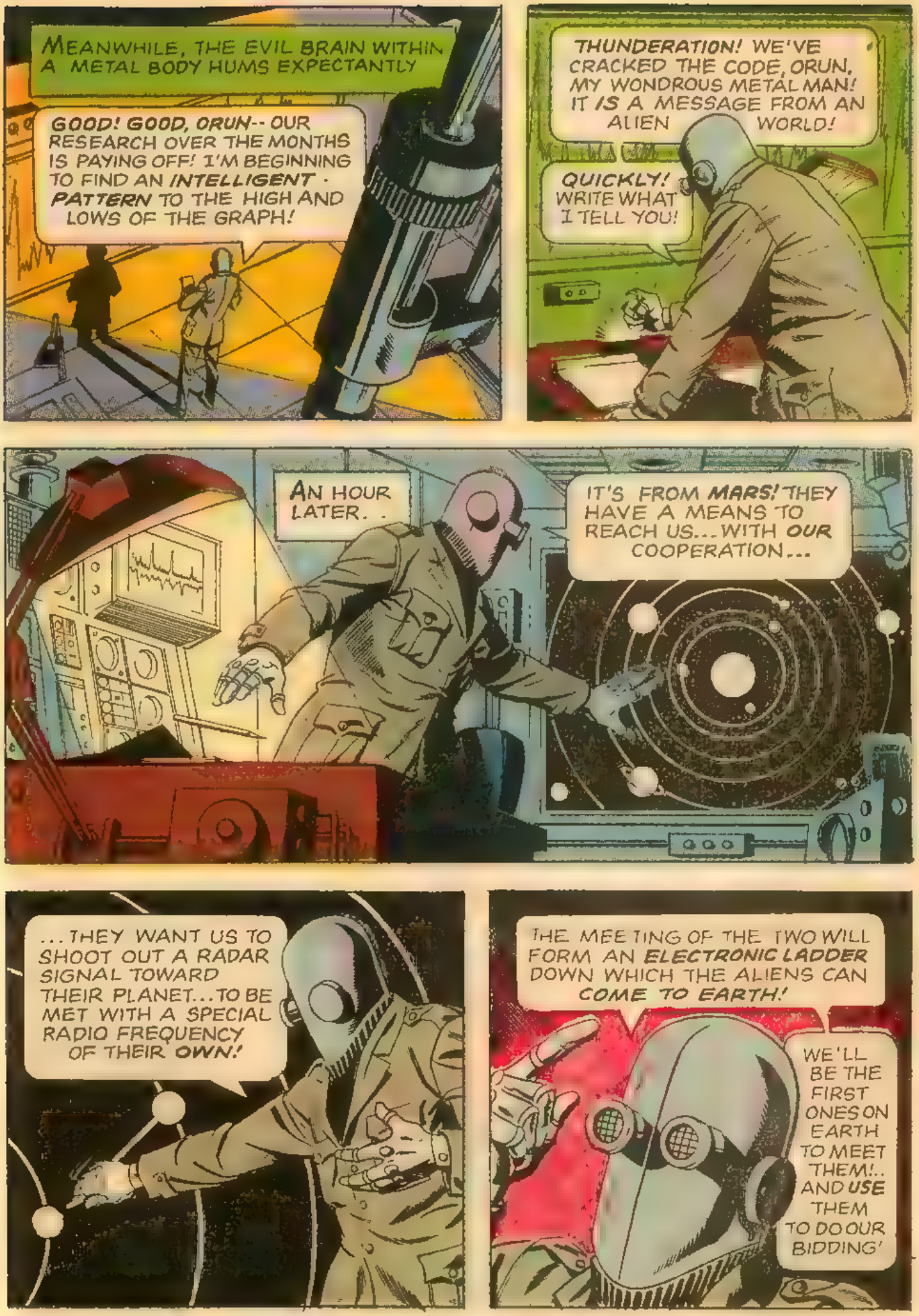
DOCTOR SOLAR

THE LADDER TO MARS

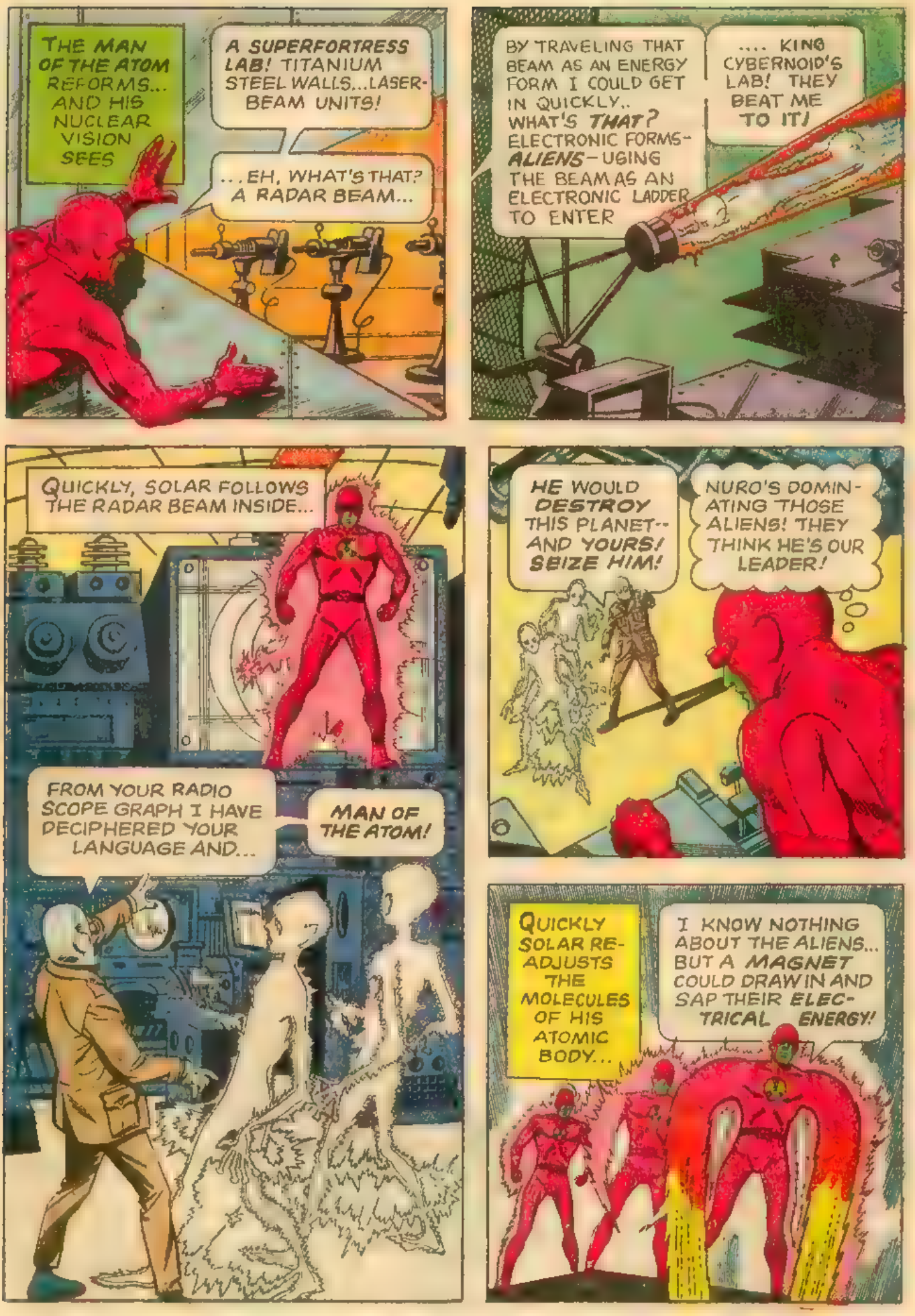
PART II BATTLE OF THE ELECTRONIC FIGHTERS

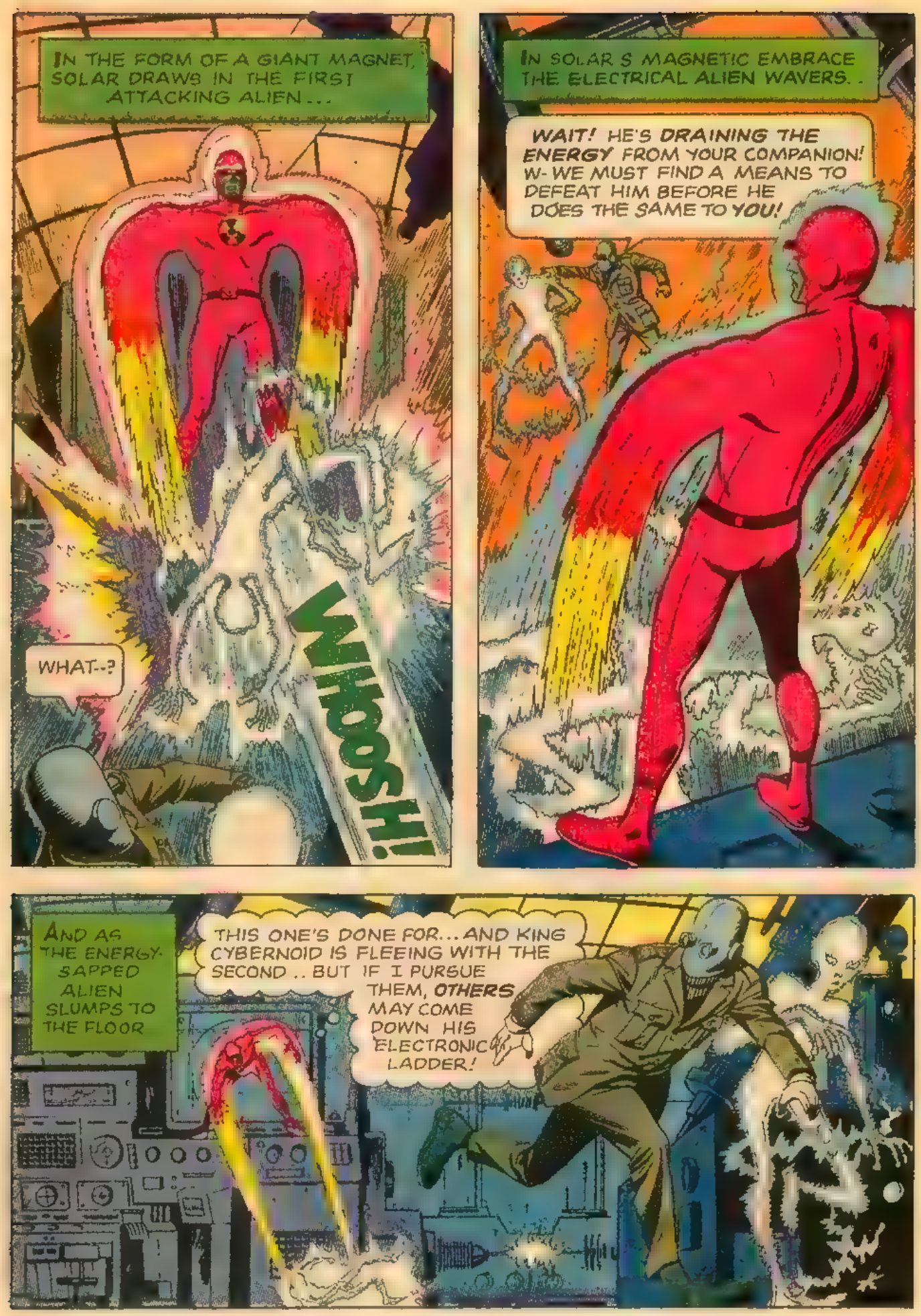

AS KING CYBERNOID, THE ROBOT WITH NURO'S HUMAN BRAIN, ROCKETS TOWARD A SECRET LABORATORY, THE MAN OF THE ATOM CONFERS WITH SCIENTISTS!
THEN, GENTLEMEN, YOU'RE CERTAIN THE RADIO GRAPH HE STOLE WAS UNLIKE THIS SAMPLE HERE--IT APPEARED TO HAVE AN INTELLIGENT PATTERN?
ABSOLUTELY!
THEN WE'RE IN TROUBLE! IF THAT MIND-TWISTED CREATURE CAN DECIPHER IT TO CONTACT ALIENS, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE WILL DO WITH SUCH POWER!
I'LL TRY TO TRACK HIS ESCAPE COURSE ... AT ONCE.
HMM...THIS MAGNETIC TAPE RECORDING THE GRAPH..

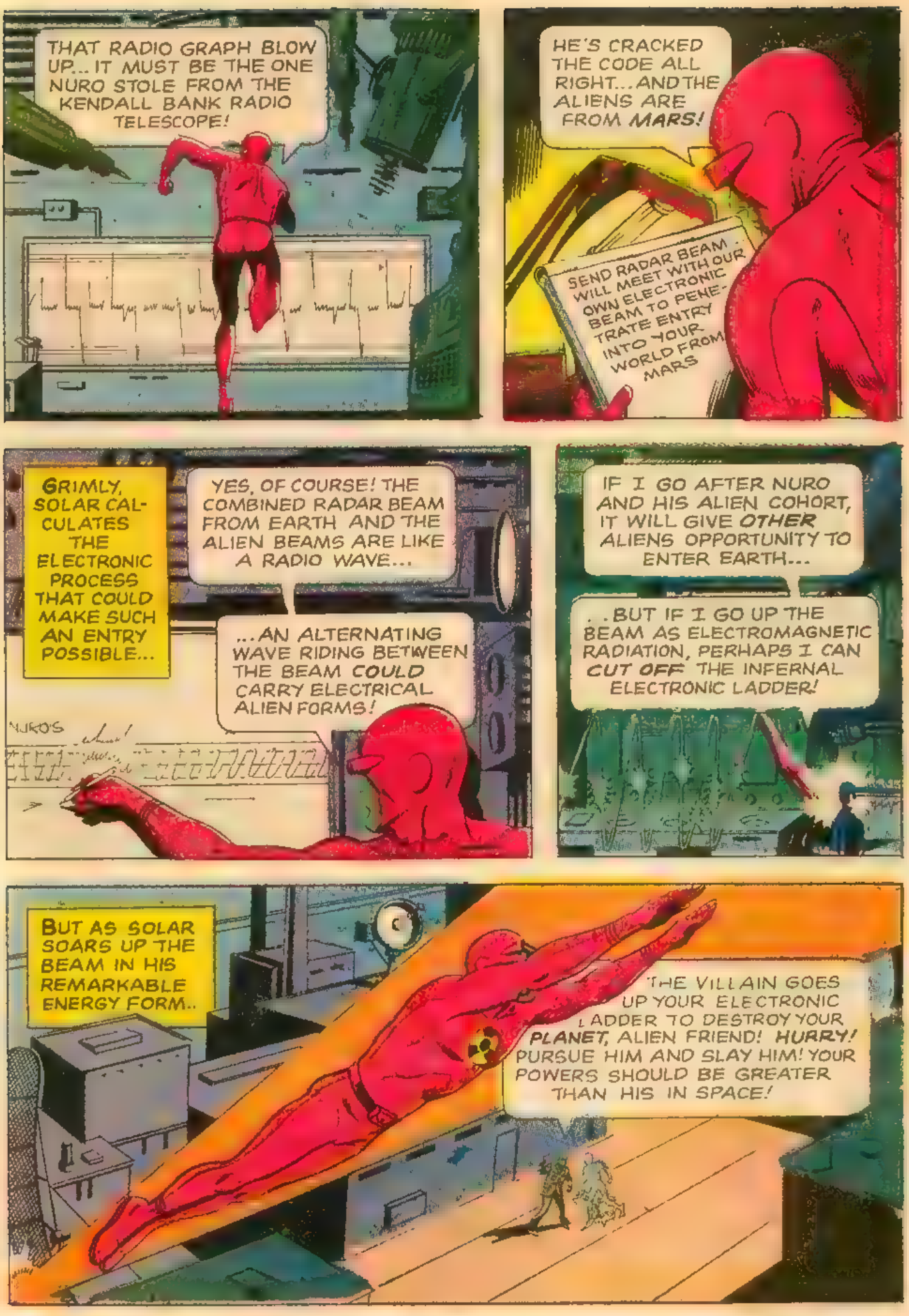
MY ATOMIC SENSES SHOULD BE ABLE TO PICK UP ITS MAGNETIC VIBRATIONS...IF I CAN GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE AREA WHERE NURO HAS THE OTHER ONE!
SOLAR! WE JUST FLEW IN BY ROYAL AIR FORCE JET!
...SO YOU SEE, DR. CLARKSON--IF I CAN CRISS-CROSS THE COUNTRYSIDE AND PICK UP THOSE TAPE-GRAPH VIBRATIONS, WE MIGHT TRACK DOWN KING!
RIGHT! BUT FIRST WE'VE GOT TO PHONE SURROUNDING VILLAGES TO GET REPORTS ON THE GENERAL DIRECTION HE TOOK!
SOON AFTER, WHEN A POSITION HAS BEEN TRIANGULATED FROM CITIZEN INFORMATION...
BY TRANSFORMING THE MATTER OF MY ATOMIC BODY INTO LIGHT OVER THE OPEN COUNTRYSIDE, I WON'T ALARM CITIZENS!
THEN OVER TOWNS, SOLAR CONVERTS HIMSELF INTO ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION OF RADIO FREQUENCY...LIKE AN UNSEEN RADIO WAVE BROADCAST FROM A STUDIO...
SURE HOPE MY SUPER-SENSITIVE ATOMIC TOUCH CAN PICK UP THOSE GRAPH VIBRATIONS FAST!


MEANWHILE, THE EVIL BRAIN WITHIN A METAL BODY HUMS EXPECTANTLY
GOOD! GOOD, ORUN-- OUR RESEARCH OVER THE MONTHS IS PAYING OFF! I'M BEGINNING TO FIND AN INTELLIGENT PATTERN TO THE HIGH AND LOWS OF THE GRAPH!
THUNDERATION! WE'VE CRACKED THE CODE, ORUN, MY WONDROUS METAL MAN! IT IS A MESSAGE FROM AN ALIEN WORLD!
QUICKLY! WRITE WHAT I TELL YOU!
AN HOUR LATER. .
IT'S FROM MARS! THEY HAVE A MEANS TO REACH US...WITH OUR COOPERATION...
...THEY WANT US TO SHOOT OUT A RADAR SIGNAL TOWARD THEIR PLANET...TO BE MET WITH A SPECIAL RADIO FREQUENCY OF THEIR OWN!
THE MEETING OF THE TWO WILL FORM AN ELECTRONIC LADDER DOWN WHICH THE ALIENS CAN COME TO EARTH!
WE'LL BE THE FIRST ONES ON EARTH TO MEET THEM!.. AND USE THEM TO DO OUR BIDDING!

AT A RADAR UNIT CONTROL BOX. .
FIRST, MAKE THE PROPER ADJUSTMENT...
THEN RELEASE THE ALIEN CONTACT BEAM...
SCANT SECONDS LATER DEEP IN SPACE, AN ALIEN CONTACT BEAM FUSES WITH NURO'S RADAR. .
WHILE AT THIS INSTANT NEARBY, SOLAR, AS A STREAK OF LIGHT .
BOUNCING OFF THAT JET PREVENTED MY LIGHT FORM FROM STREAKING OUT INTO SPACE!
THEN, HIS ATOMICALLY ATTUNED SENSE OF TOUCH SUDDENLY PICKS UP WAVES OF ENERY FROM NURO'S MAGNETIC RADIO GRAPH .
THIS IS IT... THAT MUST BE NURO'S LAB RIGHT THERE!


THE MAN OF THE ATOM REFORMS... AND HIS NUCLEAR VISION SEES
A SUPERFORTRESS LAB! TITANIUM STEEL WALLS...LASER-BEAM UNITS!
...EH, WHAT'S THAT? A RADAR BEAM...
BY TRAVELING THAT BEAM AS AN ENERGY FORM I COULD GET IN QUICKLY.. WHAT'S THAT? ELECTRONIC FORMS- ALIENS - USING THE BEAM AS AN ELECTRONIC LADDER TO ENTER
.... KING CYBERNOID'S LAB! THEY BEAT ME TO IT!
QUICKLY, SOLAR FOLLOWS THE RADAR BEAM INSIDE...
FROM YOUR RADIO SCOPE GRAPH I HAVE DECIPHERED YOUR LANGUAGE AND...
MAN OF THE ATOM!
HE WOULD DESTROY THIS PLANET-- AND YOURS! SEIZE HIM!
NURO'S DOMINATING THOSE ALIENS! THEY THINK HE'S OUR LEADER!
QUICKLY SOLAR RE-ADJUSTS THE MOLECULES OF HIS ATOMIC BODY...
I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE ALIENS... BUT A MAGNET COULD DRAW IN AND SAP THEIR ELECTRICAL ENERGY!


IN THE FORM OF A GIANT MAGNET, SOLAR DRAWS IN THE FIRST ATTACKING ALIEN...
WHOOSH!
WHAT--?
IN SOLAR'S MAGNETIC EMBRACE THE ELECTRICAL ALIEN WAVERS..
WAIT! HE'S DRAINING THE ENERGY FROM YOUR COMPANION! W-WE MUST FIND A MEANS TO DEFEAT HIM BEFORE HE DOES THE SAME TO YOU!
AND AS THE ENERGY-SAPPED ALIEN SLUMPS TO THE FLOOR
THIS ONE'S DONE FOR... AND KING CYBERNOID IS FLEEING WITH THE SECOND.. BUT IF I PURSUE THEM, OTHERS MAY COME DOWN HIS ELECTRONIC LADDER!

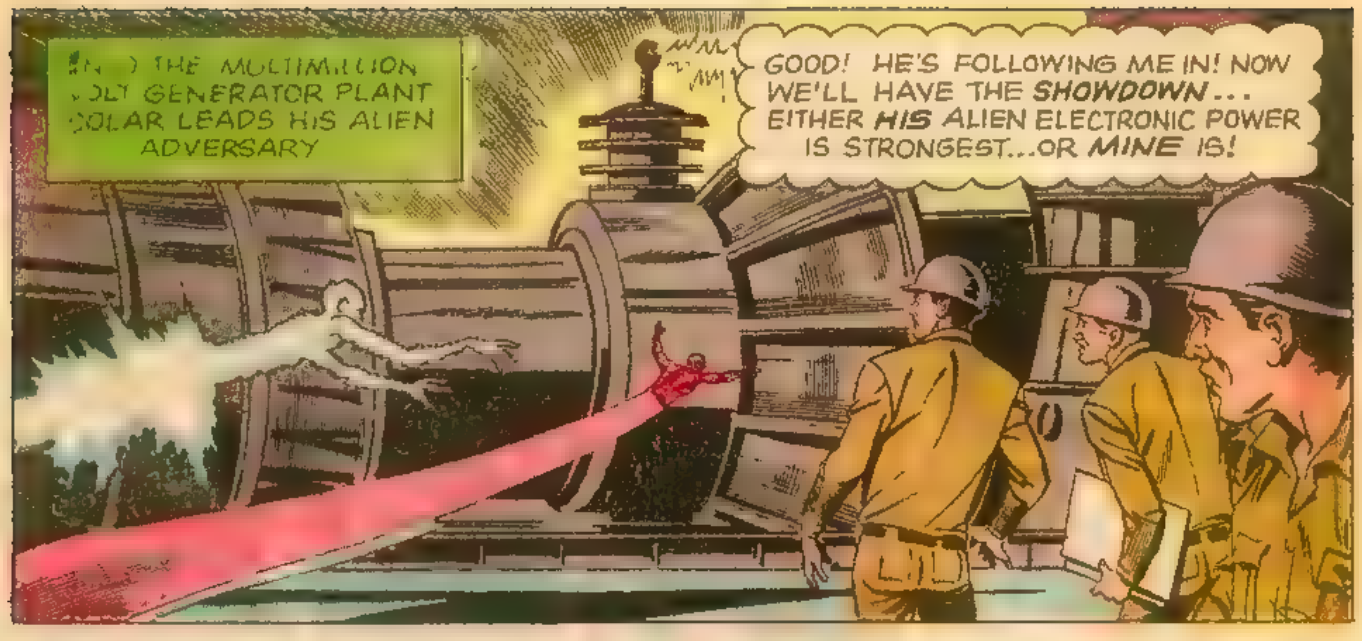

THAT RADIO GRAPH BLOW UP... IT MUST BE THE ONE NURO STOLE FROM THE KENDALL BANK RADIO TELESCOPE!
HE'S CRACKED THE CODE ALL RIGHT... AND THE ALIENS ARE FROM MARS!
SEND RADAR BEAM . WILL MEET WITH OUR OWN ELECTRONIC BEAM TO PENE-TRATE ENTRY INTO YOUR WORLD FROM MARS
GRIMLY, SOLAR CAL-CULATES THE ELECTRONIC PROCESS THAT COULD MAKE SUCH AN ENTRY POSSIBLE...
YES, OF COURSE! THE COMBINED RADAR BEAM FROM EARTH AND THE ALIEN BEAMS ARE LIKE A RADIO WAVE...
...AN ALTERNATING WAVE RIDING BETWEEN THE BEAM COULD CARRY ELECTRICAL ALIEN FORMS!
IF I GO AFTER NURO AND HIS ALIEN COHORT, IT WILL GIVE OTHER ALIENS OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER EARTH...
. . BUT IF I GO UP THE BEAM AS ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION, PERHAPS I CAN CUT OFF THE INFERNAL ELECTRONIC LADDER!
BUT AS SOLAR SOARS UP THE BEAM IN HIS REMARKABLE ENERGY FORM..
THE VILLAIN GOES UP YOUR ELECTRONIC LADDER TO DESTROY YOUR PLANET, ALIEN FRIEND! HURRY! PURSUE HIM AND SLAY HIM! YOUR POWERS SHOULD BE GREATER THAN HIS IN SPACE!

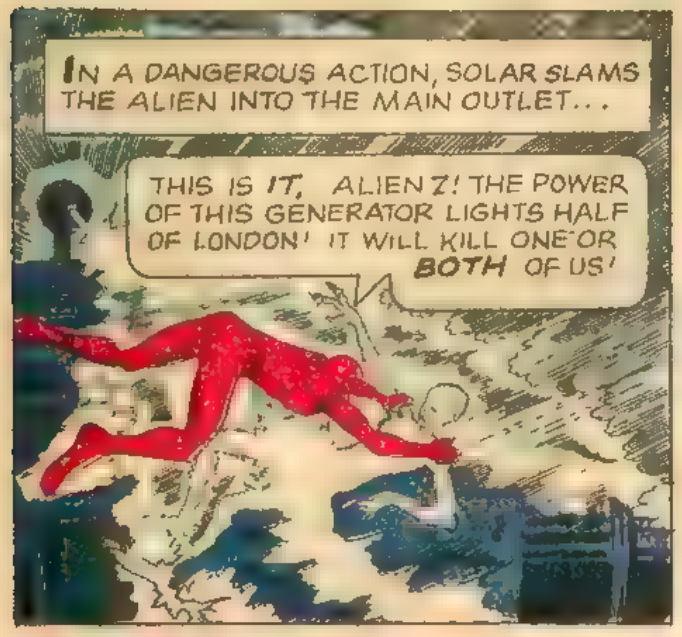
THE ELECTRIFIED ALIEN SPURTS INTO PURSUIT... A BIZARRE CHASE LEADING DEEP INTO SPACE
THE SECOND ALIEN... PURSUING ME ... AND IN SPACE HIS POWERS MAY BE GREATER THAN MINE!
HALFWAY TO MARS, THE PAIR MEET .. A CATACLYSMIC CLASH IN THE COSMOS WITH THE FATE OF EARTH AT STAKE
KROOM
SPUTTER!
JUST DEFEATING HIM WON'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM... I-I'VE GOT TO CUT OFF THE POWER UNIT SENDING THE BEAM! GOT TO SUMMON UP ALL MY ATOMIC STRENGTH!
IF I CAN MUSTER COMPLETE NUCLEAR POWER FORCE!

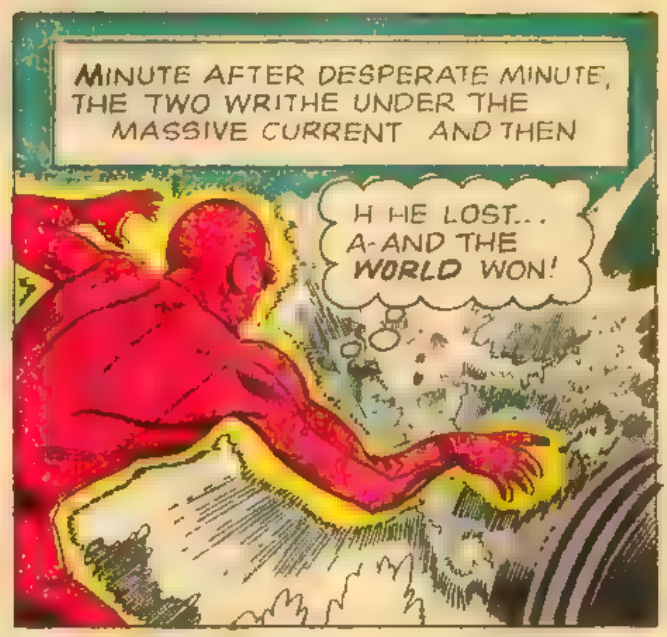
AS THE MAN OF THE ATOM
THE ONLY CHANCE... HURL BACK ALONG THE ALIEN BEAM...
..AND HOPE THE IMPACT OF HIS HIGH-SPEED ELECTRONIC BODY WILL SHORT-CIRCUIT THE POWER UNIT SENDING THE BEAM!
WHOOSH!
KA-POW!
SCANT MINUTES LATER THE FASTER-THAN-SOUND SPEEDING FORM SMASHES INTO MARS, AND
SWOOOSH!
HALFWAY TOWARD EARTH, THE ATOMIC MOLECULES OF SOLAR'S BODY PICK UP SOUND VIBRATIONS
IT SUCCEEDED! A POWER UNIT ON MARS HAS BLOWN! NOW... BACK TO EARTH TO..
. RAM THAT KING MONSTER!
BUT ON EARTH, KING CYBERNOID HAS REVIVED THE WEAKENED ALIEN AND IS SPEEDING TOWARD LONDON...
NURO IS TRYING TO OUTSMART ME TAKING THE ALIEN TO ANOTHER HIDE-OUT, IN LONDON, PROBABLY!

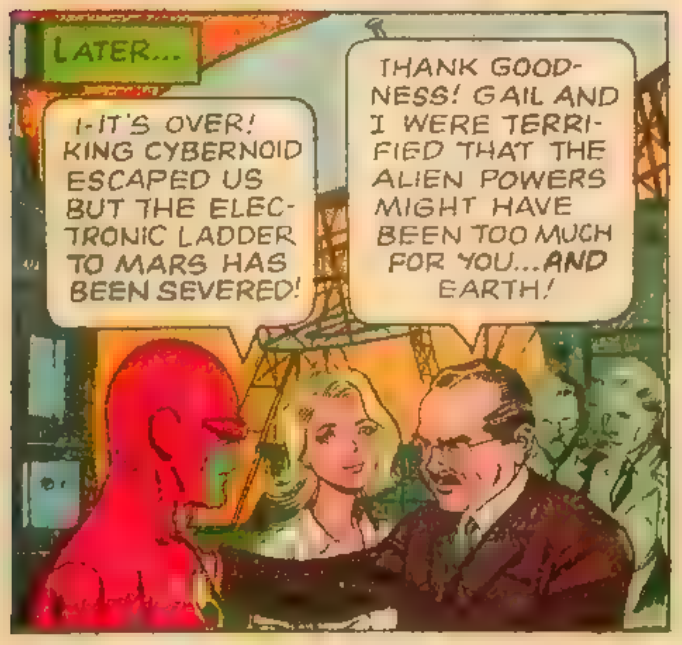
AS SOLAR CONFRONTS THE PAIR IN LONDON...
MAN OF THE ATOM! I'VE SUPERCHARGED YOU ..HIS MAGNET TRICK WON'T WORK THIS TIME! GO GET HIM, ALIEN Z!
LIKE TWO SUPER GLADIATORS FROM DIFFERENT WORLDS, THE PAIR MOVE TOWARD EACH OTHER
IN A BLINDING INFERNO OF ULTRA ENERGY, THE PAIR CLASH...
CRACKLE!
SPLOOW!
THEN
MY MAGNETIC POWER CAN'T RESTRAIN HIM! NURO H-HAS CHARGED HIM UP SOMEHOW!
GET EXTRA ENERGY FROM POWER SOURCES, ALIEN Z! YOU CAN DEFEAT THAT COSTUMED ATOMIC CHARACTER WITH THEM!

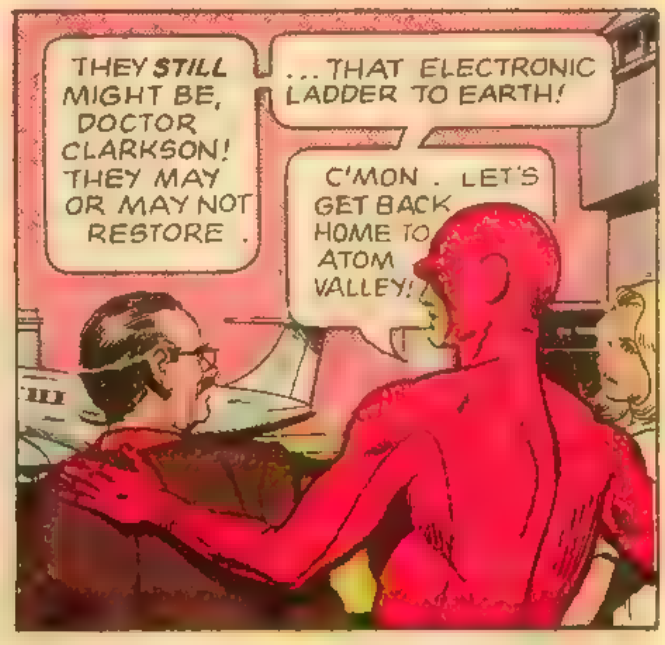
THEN BEGINS A FANTASTIC ELECTRONIC BOXING MATCH -- MAN OF THE ATOM VERSUS ALIEN Z... EACH UTILIZING THE CITY'S ELECTRICAL UNITS TO GAIN ADDED POWER...
HE'S DRAWING ADDED POWER FROM THE UNDERGROUND'S THIRD RAIL TO WEAKEN ME!
TWO CAN PLAY AT THAT GAME ...LET'S SEE HOW HE TAKES AN EXTRA VOLTAGE BLAST FROM THIS MOMMOTH ELECTRICAL SIGN!
STALEMATE! GOT TO FIND A STRONGER METHOD...
...THINK I HAVE IT... THE CITY LIGHTING GENERATOR PLANT!
SMOKE
PLAY


...O THE MULTIMILLION VOLT GENERATOR PLANT SOLAR LEADS HIS ALIEN ADVERSARY
GOOD! HE'S FOLLOWING ME IN! NOW WE'LL HAVE THE SHOWDOWN... EITHER HIS ALIEN ELECTRONIC POWER IS STRONGEST...OR MINE IS!


IN A DANGEROUS ACTION, SOLAR SLAMS THE ALIEN INTO THE MAIN OUTLET...
THIS IS IT, ALIEN Z! THE POWER OF THIS GENERATOR LIGHTS HALF OF LONDON! IT WILL KILL ONE OR BOTH OF US!


MINUTE AFTER DESPERATE MINUTE, THE TWO WRITHE UNDER THE MASSIVE CURRENT AND THEN
H HE LOST... A-AND THE WORLD WON!


LATER...
I-IT'S OVER! KING CYBERNOID ESCAPED US BUT THE ELECTRONIC LADDER TO MARS HAS BEEN SEVERED!
THANK GOODNESS! GAIL AND I WERE TERRIFIED THAT THE ALIEN POWERS MIGHT HAVE BEEN TOO MUCH FOR YOU...AND EARTH!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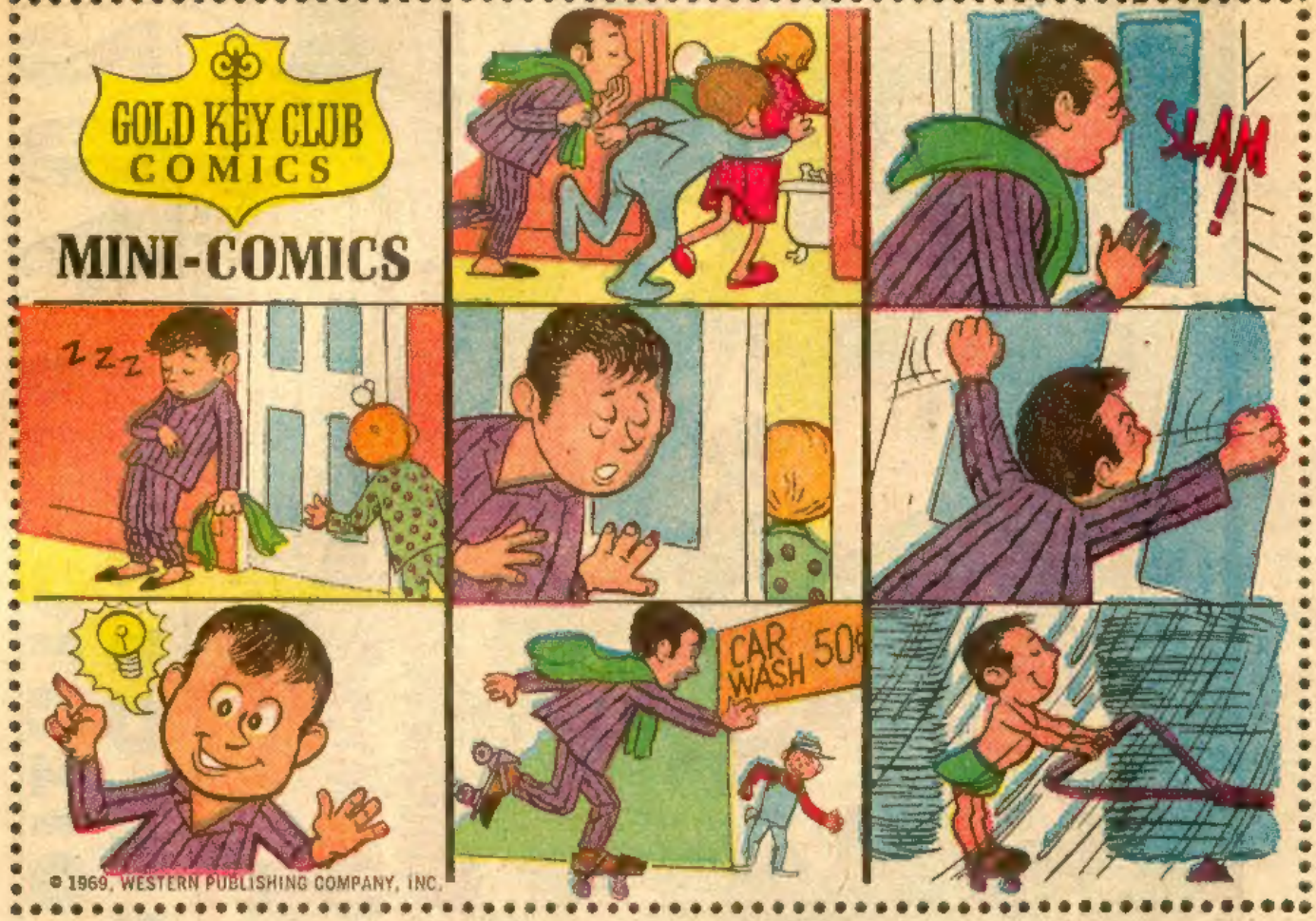

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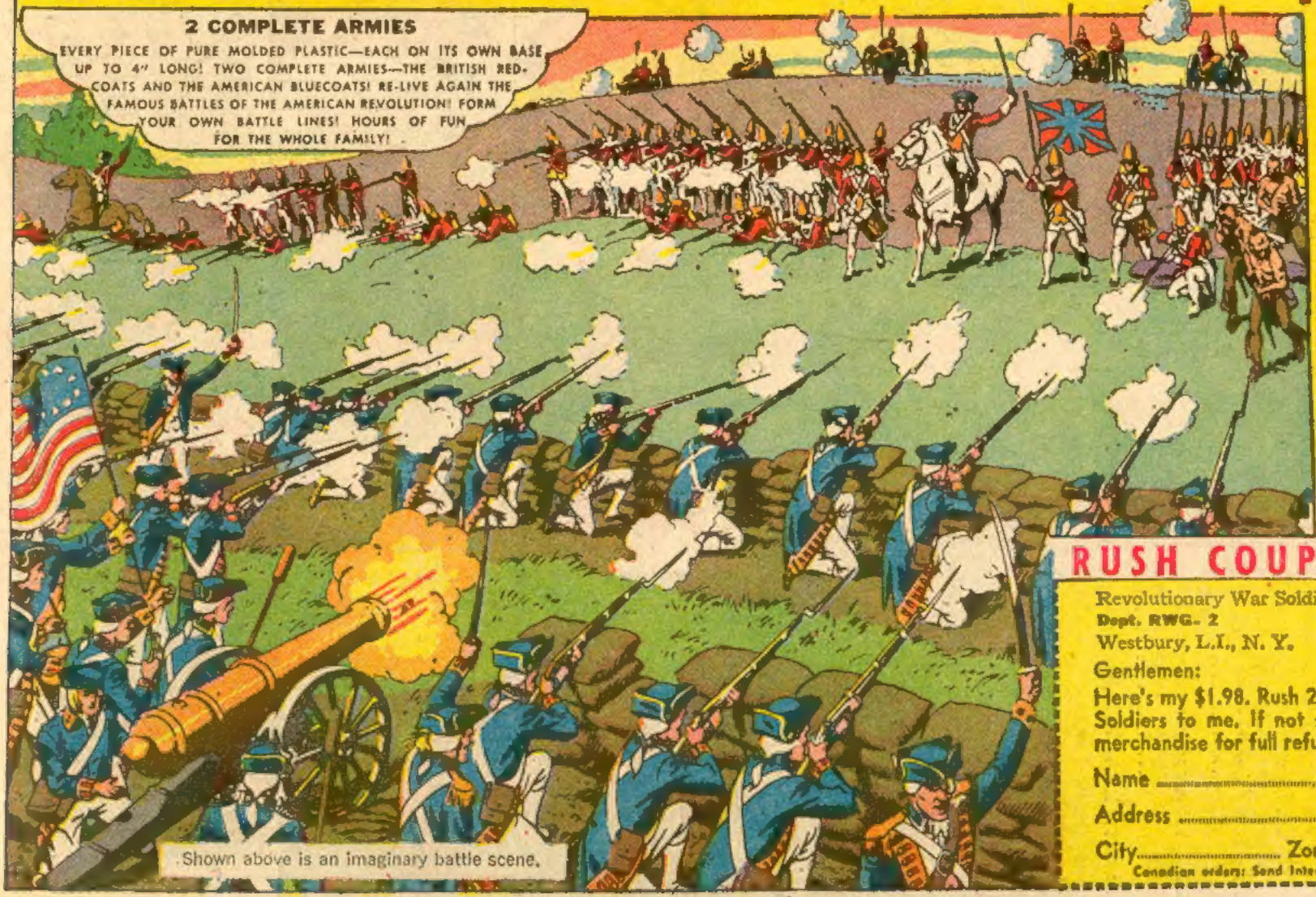

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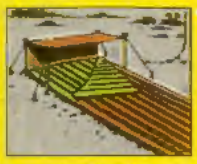
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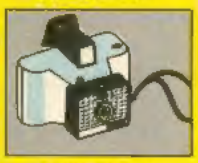
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